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Envoy explains Mideast issues

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WASHINGTON, March 17 - Saudi Arabia is making a major effort to explain the Palestinian question and other Middle East realities to the new U.S. administration and Congress, Arab News has learned.

Aware that the Reagan administration and many of the newly-elected senators and congressmen lack information on the Arab perspective toward the Palestinian issue and other key regional questions, the Kingdom has initiated a series of extensive contacts with U.S. officials and lawmakers to brief them on the Arab stand.

Over the past few months, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the U.S. Sheikh Faisal Al Hegelan, has had a full schedule of meetings with top administration officials and numerous members of Congress whose responsibilities involve U.S. policy toward the Middie East and Gulf region.

Since the new administration took office last January, Al Hegelan has met separately with Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Energy Secretary James Edwards and other cabinet officials.

In a one-month period — from Feb. 5 to Mar. 5 — the Saudi Arabian ambassador held the discussions with at least 26 members of Congress. Of these lawmakers, 23 were Senators on key committees, such as foreign relations. energy, and armed services, which deal with the Middle East policy.

Al Hegelan met with ten Senators from the 17-member Foreign Relations Committee. These ten included committee chairman Charles Percy, Middle East subcommittee chairman Rudy Boschwitz, ranking minority membe. Classome rell, and other key Republicans and Democrats.

it is worth noting that the Saudi Arabian ambassador met with four Foreign Relations Committee members who had signed a letter to President Reagan last month voicing 'serious concerns" over the proposed sale of F-15 accessories to the Kingdom: Pell, Alan Cranston, Paul Tsongas and Christopher

Al Hegelan also held talks with Senator Edward Zorinski, the foreign Relations Committee member who refused to sign the F-15 letter on the grounds that it was not strong enough.

According to informed sources, Al Hegelan raised three main points in his talks with U.S. officials and legislators: The Palestinian problem, the regional situation in the Middle East and Gulf, and U.S. arms sales policies, with special attention to the F-16 accessories.

The ambassador placed special emphasis on the importance of finding a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian problem in the contest of a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement, the sources said.

Non-Saudi Arab diplomats here viewed Al Hegelan's intensive contact with U.S. officials and lawmakers as part of a larger Saudi Vrabian effort to explain the importance of the Palestinian question to the U.S. leader-

Marines bombed SAN JOSE, March 17 (AP) - A vehicle

belonging to the U.S. Embassy was bombed Tuesday near the entrance of the capital and three U.S. marine passengers were injured, one of them seriously, a police spokesman

An embassy spokesman said the van was driven by a Costa Rican employee of the embassy and was taking three U.S. marines from the marine residence to the embassy for a routine change of guard. The driver, Emilo Camacho, about 35, was slightly injured, the spokesman said.





Brig. Gen. Myhammad Khouli and hands over his gun to an unidentified man moments after surrendering and ending the world's longest bijacking March 14.

Prisoners will not be returned

PIA hijakers denied protection from Syria

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 17 - Syria has granted the freed Pakistani political prisoners a temporary asylum in order to ease the plight of the passengers who had been incarcerated in the plane for 13 days, the Syrian Deputy Premier Abdu Halim Khaddam told Arab News here Tuesday.

Khaddam who arrived here for talks with government leaders said Syria had no intention of making the asylum permanent but was with the to decide about the country to which they would like to proceed. He

\$25m loan granted

BAHRAIN, March 17 (R) - The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) said Tuesday it had loaned \$25 million to Pakistan to buy crude oil from Saudi Arabia, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. This brings total IDB credits to Pakistan to \$165 million.

asylum to the hijackers themselves. He said that Syria will not surrender the

prisoners to Pakistan and that there was no truth at all in allegations that Pakistan had asked it to do so.

denied that his government had granted

Khaddam held talks with Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal about "bilateral relations and matters of common interest." He will also visit the U.A.E., Kuwait and Bahrain.

Meanwhile, the 144 passengers, crew and other officials visited the Prophet's mosque in Medina after completing their Umra in Mecca to thank God for their salvation. They had arrived in Taif Monday as guests of the Saudi Arabian government throughout their stay in the Kingdom. They are due to leave for home Wednesday morning. (See story

U.S. move to start arms talks LONDON, March 17, (R) - Under pres-

sure from Western European governments, the United States is taking its first cautious steps toward starting disarmament talks with Moscow.

U.S. officials will meet with NATO allies in Brussels on March 31 to prepare Western strategy for what is likely to be the Reagan administration's first attempt to engage the Soviet Union in direct arms negotiations.

The decision to have consultations on European-based medium-range nuclear missiles represents a victory for allied governments - notably West Germany - which have been urging President Reagan not to

delay in getting arms talks started. The administration, in office two months, is still working on its basic options toward the Soviet Union, and European officials say they are worried by Washington's seeminglyunhurried decision-making process.

The agreement to call a meeting of NATO's special consultative group on theater nuclear forces was announced during a visit to Washington last week by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich

U.S. diplomats said the preparations were speeded-up at the express request of West Germany Britain and Italy, which have agreed to accept U.S. cruise and Pershing missiles by 1983. "The views expressed by the allies have certainly expedited the process" a State Department official said.

The administration has promised to consult its 14 NATO allies on both the summit and SALT talks, but Secretary of State Alexander Haig said last week that a top-level

meeting was still some distance away." U.S. diplomats believe a meeting between Reagan and President Leonid Brezhnev, without prior efforts to ease strains between the two governments, could be disastrous, possibly damaging rather than advancing

East-West relations.

"We are opposed to summitry for summitry's sake," a State Department spokesman said recently. "We want to have some promise of concrete achievement."

Reagan has hinted respeatedly that his agreement to a face-to-face meeting with the Kremlin depends on Moscow's willingness to moderate its policies on Afghanistan and to halt communist penetration in Africa and Latin America.

Allied planning for a U.S. approach to the Soviet Union will start in earnest May 4, when Haig goes to Rome for his first NATO foreign ministers' meeting since taking over the State Department. The meeting was advanced by about one month to give Haig a chance for early consultations. The Europeans hope a date for U.S.-Soviet missile negotiations will have been set by then.

European leaders who visited Washington in the last month said they were encouraged by Reagan's stated readiness to consult with the allies at every stage in the lead-up period before negotiations start with the Soviet

Genscher and Haig agreed that "intensive and enhanced allied consultations" were

Vienna's ex-police chief held

VIENNA, March 17 (AP) - The retired head of the Vienna police headquarters' aliens registration office and another police officer were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of espionage, the interior ministry announced Wednesday.

The official announcement came after a newspaper report that authorities had smashed a spy ring working for the Romanian intelligence service. The Vienna daily Kurier reported that one police officer had been arrested and 14 other Austrians were

involved in alleged espionage activities. According to the official communique, Edgar Berger, the former aliens police department head, and Josef Czernanski, a leading plainclothes police officer, were under arrest and two other unidentified offi-

cials were also suspected to be involved. The two police officers were detained "on suspicion of betraying state secrets' and of 'malfeasance in office." No other details were disclosed. The interior ministry said the arrests were made after "evaluation of material" stemming from Florian Rotaru, a Roma-

nian embassy officer here, who defected to the West in November 1980.

Rurier reported that Rotaru, described as a coding specialist, defected from the Romanian embassy Nov. 23 to West Germany and was subsequently taken to the United States.

The official announcement said there was no concrete evidence of unlawful activities carried out by other persons referred to in the news report.

Krier said the group of Austrians purportedly working for Romania included several security police officers, some civil servants and one ranking bank employee. It said the police officers allegedly passed on information about eastern refugees whose cases they handled, while the civil servants were said to have informed Romania about planned Austrian political activities in the Middle

The bank employee was reported by Kurier to have divulged details on bank accounts of Romanian refugees in Austria and other economic data.

Oil output

amani rules out cut

RIYADH, March 17 - Saudi Arabia has no intention whatever of reducing its oil pro-duction in the near future, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources told Arab News Tuesday prior to a four-state oil ministers conference

He denied Foreign press reports which had claimed that the government was going to reduce its daily output of ten million bpd by 500,000 to 600,000 bpd starting from first of

Earlier Tuesday Saudi Arabia and three Gulf oil producing countries discussed coordinating their stance toward OPEC at a meeting here but they did not consider oil production cuts. Sheikh Yamani said that he and the oil ministers of Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) discussed coordination especially on OPEC(the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and oil development generally.

He held his talks with Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah of Kuwait, Sheikh Abdul-Aziz Bin Khalifa Al-Thani of Qatar and Dr. Mana Said Al-Oteiba of the UAE. He said they did not discuss the new Gulf Coordination Council. which aims to give further steps to full

"At this crucial meeting the Gulf oil ministers reviewed the latest developments in the world markets said one Kuwait official, who refused to be identified. The Gulf News Agency said the meeting was held amid widespread speculation about an imminent decision by the Gulf countries to cut back their production of crude oil. The four countries together produce 14 million barrels of crude oil a day, with Saudi Arabia alone pumping 10.3 million barrels.

The Gulf News Agency indicated the four ministers were to devise a contingency plan which, it said, would mean a sizeable production reduction to be observed when the Iraq-Iran war comes to an end. The ministers left

here the same day. The meeting here was held behind closed doors, and no official word about the agenda was immediately available.

OPEC oil ministers hold their next scheduled meeting in Geneva May 25 and cuts may be discussed then. Western oil company executives in London said. They added that Saudi Arabia may be reviving an attempt to get OPEC to adopt a long-term pricing

They said the Saudi Arabian's have long

to index prices to inflation and the West's economic growth, for an annual two to three per cent real term increase. This would do less damage to Western economies than the unpredictable price spurts of recent years.

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The oil company executives said Algeria. Libya and Iran had reservations about the scheme last year but added that an oil surplus now developing could strengthen the Saudi Arabian position.

Probable world oil reserves are about equal to the known reserves and the amount of oil consumed so far, U.S. expert Michael Halbouty of Houston told an international conference in the Hague on Third World oil

exploration. Known reserves were 743,000 million burrels, according to halbouty, whose figure was 100,000 million-more than the latest estimate by the World Bank. World consumption up to the end of 1979 was 366,000 million barrels. He evaluated reserves at 1,166,000 mil-

lion barrels. As to gas, confirmed reserves were around 2,820,000,000 million cubic feet, consumption up to the end of 1979 was 842,000,000 million cubic feet, and his estimate for unexplored reserves was 4,256,000,080 million

apparent dispute between the European

unionists and the nationalists. The unionists

selected at the request of the British who are

in the process of phasing in a new passport of

their own and don't want to confuse their

citizens by making two quick changes in suc-

Cost of living

remains stable

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) - The cost of

living during last January remained about the

same as that of the previous month since

prices of goods and services stayed stable,

according to the Ministry of Finance and

The statistical department of the ministry

said it had carried out a survey of prices in five

mam, Abha and Buraidah and found that

there had been some slight reductions in the

cost of living including foodstuffs and drinks

which fell by .01 per cent, health services by

0.4 per cent, transport and communications

by 0.1 per cent. There were very slight

increases in the cost of fuels, rents and water.

But from the middle of the base year until

cities which included Rivadh, Jeddah, Dam

Van der Klaauw said the 1985 State was

apparently won.

National Economy.

EEC approves common passport or the bearer's country first on the cover, an and each country's symbol.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 17 (AP) --Common Market foreign ministers reached a breakthrough agreement on a uniform passport and said the new cardinal red travel document will be ready for issue to citizens in the 10 nations by 1985.

The passport, long seen as the symbol of united and open-bordered Europe, has been held up for five years by the inability of Common Market leaders to agree on such details as color, languages inside and design of the cover.

Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw, spokesman for the ministers, said the final roadblock was brushed aside when the cover writing was approved and all nations agreed to adopt it as a document by

The ministers agreed that the words "European Community" - written in the bearer's language - would come first on the cover followed by the name of the country

Japan acts to spur economy

TOKYO, March 17 (AFP) - Japan has adopted a set of measures to bolster the economy, whose performance in recent months has fallen short of government expectations.

This second such plan in six months basically consists of a boost in public works, help for small and medium sized firms, and better prospects for housing. At the same time the discount rate has been cut by one percentage point to 6.25 per cent, effective Wednesday. The package, which came as no surprise, was welcomed by the business community which has for months been grumbling about interest rates. These have weighed especially

heavy on smaller firms. The number of bankruptcies has been averaging 1,300 or so a month for some time, and the president of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce expressed the view that Tuesday's measures had come too late. The main emplover and business bodies, including the Keidanren, nevertheless think the discount rate drop worth having.

Monetary moves include a cut in the mandatory reserves that banks must deposit with the central Bank. The bank of Japan says this should inject some \$3,250 million into the

Tuesday's plan provides for 70 per cent of the fiscal 1981 public works budget to be used in the first half of the year, which means between April and September. Small and medium firms will enjoy loans at favorable rates. Special procedures have been set up for those facing bankruptcy, and they may well find more government contracts coming their

Housing, a sector in the doldrums for quite a while now, will be helped, as the government is raising the ceiling on loans for buying homes. It also intends to release more land for buildings. Power station construction will be speeded up. Incentives will be provided for the exporting of industrial plants, as export insurance is broadened and mixed loans spread more liberally.

Although the economy is still in better shape generally than in the main Western countries, an upturn had been expected. It has not occurred in practice, as shown in a report Tuesday from the Economic Planning Agency, depicting continued weakness in

Private consumption, accounting for more than half the gross national product (GNP), lacks vigor and stock levels remain high.

Growth, which worked out at 2.3 per cent (annual rate) in the finalquarter of 1980, is sustained basically by the export of machinetools, cars, electric appliances and electronic

Many analysts see this situation continuing for some time, and they fear that booming Japanese exports will provoke further irritation from this country's trading partners.

Company investment is another strong trend, and it seems likely to help the economy again this year. The newspaper Nihon Keizai

In other respects, the passport will resem-

ble an international drivers license, with information in several languages. Still to be worked out is a uniform listing of identification remarks like height, weight and eye color and other technical problems. Van der Klaauw said these problems should be solved by mid April. "There are long-standing national traditions at work here and we have overcome them," he said.

The common passport idea was created in 1975 at a summit meeting in Rome, and immediately ran into trouble over national traditions.

Size caused relatively little problems, since most passports are already about the same dimensions Italy and Britain gave up a half centimeter and other countries made similar

The key question solved on Monday was whether to put "European Community" first

Shimbun published a survey indicating that the investment increase this year will be 8.7 per cent, although this is a good deal less than the 20.4 per cent jump in 1980.

Companies will continue spending on efficient productive technology, energy saving methods, research and development. This will be a specially marked trend in machinetools and electronics. Prices, meanwhile, have shown a less virulent tendency of late, and it was this as much as anything that made Tuesday's drop in the discount rate far from a

Sudan aborts coup

CAIRO, March 17 (AFP) - Five Sudanese army officers have been arrested for plotting an unsuccessful coup last week, the Sudanese news agency Suna reported in a despatch monitored here Tuesday.

Suna said the coup plot was revealed Monday night by President Gaafar Numeiri, who accused Syria and the Soviet Union of being behind the plot.

President Numeiri denounced Soviet 'infiltration" of Africa and the Gulf region, describing it as a "cancer", Suna said, and called on the United States to increase its aid to the developing countries to let them face up to the Soivet "threat."

to offer facilities to U.S. forces in Sudan, and invited Washington to construct air bases in the country which could be used jointly by Sudanese and American forces if Sudan was

The Sudanese leader said he was prepared

Jan. 1981 the general increase in the cost of living was 5.9 per cent which was caused by the increase in the cost of foodstuffs and

drinks, 8.2 per cent, rents, fuels and water 0.8 per cent, textiles and ready to waer clothes, 7.6 per cent, furniture and home appliances. 1.7 per cent, health services, 0.1 per cent, transport and communications, 7 per cent, other expenses by 6.6. per cent. Education and recreation recorded a decrease of 1.9 per

The average expenditure of the middle income groups recorded a slight increase of 0.1 per cent between December 1980 and Jan. 1981 because of slight increases in the cost of rents, fuels, water, textiles and ready to wear clothes and furniture and home

appliances. Increases in the cost of living in the Kingdom remain modest on account of the heavy subsidies that the government offers to reduce the cost of basic foodstuffs which in some cases rise up to 70 per cent. They include flour sugarl rice milk, cooking oil and others. The government also provides long-term interest-free loans to those who want to build their own homes or for investment. Thus rents have been falling sharply the last five years from the all-time high of

Awaiting hangman's noose 31 years

TOKYO, March 17 (AP) - A court order for the retrial of a man who has lived on death row for 31 years has given new impetus to a drive to curb powers of Japanese police and prosecutors. The High Court of Takamatsu, a city in

western Japan, last Saturday upheld a 1979 district court decision ordering a new trial for Shiegeyoshi Taniguchi, 50, who was sentenced to death for murder in 1951.

Unless the Takamatsu Prosecutor's Office exercises a right to appeal the court ruling by Thursday, Taniguchi will become only the second death row convict in modem Japanese history to win a retrial.

Civil libertarians for years have complained that powers given to Japanese authorities under the post-war laws lead to abuses of the rights of accused and convicted persons, especially the power to block reopening of criminal cases. Critics say prosecutors do not want to admit past

The justice ministry also has resisted pressure to overhaul the retrial system, but the Taniguchi case could help force the issue into the open. The Asahi Shimbun said in an editorial, "It is now necessary to take into account the trend shown by the judgment and reconsider wholly this pre-war

legal system."

Taniguchi was arrested in 1950 on charges of stabbing to death Shigeo Kagawa, a 6.3-year-old rice dealer, and stealing the equivalent of \$36. After confessing to the crime, he retracted the statement and claimed innocence. Nevertheless, he was sentenced to death by hanging in 1951. Taniguchi lost an appeal in 1957, but the Supreme Court sent the case back to Takamatsu district court in 1976, which ruled last year that he was entitled to a retrial. The High Court, an intermediate

appellate court, upheld that order Saturday. Many death row convicts have avoided the gallows for years by challenging Japan's rigid legal system. While the accused rarely prevail, their appeals do postpone their date with the hangman. Despite the renewed interest in legal reform, there is only a small and poorly organized effort to abolish death

sentences. One reason may be that the subject is shrouded in official secrecy, with little attention paid by news media. The justice ministry says there are 26 persons awaiting execution in Japan, but other official statis tics are virtually unobtainable.

Sekou Toure departs for Delhi

Goodwill mission to meet again

JEDDAH, March 17 (SPA) - The Islamic Conference Organization mission attempting to end the Iraq-Iran war will meet again in Jeddah later this month. officials announced.

Addressing newsmen after meeting with OIC Secretary general Habib Chatti. President Sekou Toure of Guinea, said the OIC had received the official replies of both Iraq and Iran to the proposals offered by the mission. Seko Toure left Jeddah for New Delhi Monday night after the talk with Chatti.

Earlier this month the mission, set up by the Islamic Summit Conference in Saudi Arabia last January visited the capitals of the warring countries but its proposals were rejected. The proposals called for a ceasefire, phased withdrawal of Iraqi troops from captured Iranian territory and settlement of disputes over the Shatt Al-Arab River, which separates the two countries.

President Toure said Iraq and Iran had written to the mission about peace conditions, which he did not disclose. But he said the door to further talks was not closed and both countries were agreed in principle on a need for a final settlement of the problem.

President Toure said the mission had refused a demand that it convene as a court. "The mission's purpose is to have a ceasefire and to reach a final settlement to the problem," he added. The president did not say who had the demand, but Iran has said international bodies trying to stop the war should investigate the cause of the conflict for which it blamed Iraq.

The mission includes the ptsidents of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Gambia, the

ministers of Senegal and Malaysia and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat.

In New Delhi, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said the four-member non-aligned group trying to end the war was expected to visit Tehran and Baghdad in the first week of April.

Rao, who returned from a meeting of the group in Geneva, told reporters the three other members - the foreign ministers of Cuba and Zambia and the political head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) - would probably meet in New Delhi before their peace mission.

The Indian minister said the group had been encouraged that Iran and Iraq agreed to receive them and expressed satisfaction at the progress made so far.



ARRIVAL: Guinean President Ahmad Sekon Toure is shown during his arrival in Jeddah Monday. Toure, who is the president of the Islamic goodwill mission, was received by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti (left), and Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Abdul

Mohsen (right). The president left for New Delhi Tuesday.

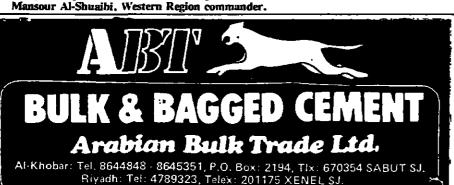
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JEDDAH, March 17 - A Chinese festival depicting the various facets of Chinese culture and cuisine was inaugurated at the Badr Sheraton hotel here for a week-long show. Originally Mecca Deputy Governor Prince

Saud ibn Abdul Mohsin was to inaugurate the festival. In his absence, Abdul Rahman Sudairi, commissioner of Jeddah, performed the inaugural ceremony Monday.

Explaining the objective of the festival, the Chinese ambassador Yu-chi Hsueh said the occasion was intended to express the friend-

CHINA EXHIBIT: Abdul Rahman Saudiri (second from left), Jeddah Co tours the chinese cultural exhibition at the Al Badr Sheraton Hotel. He is flanked by the interpreter, press attache Sheldon Peng and China ambassador Yu-chi Hsue and Gen.



ship and solidarity between the peoples of Saudi Arabia and China.

He introduced at a press conference the noted Chinese painter Gen. Yeh Tsui-Pai whose paintings of horses have been internationally acclaimed. "Yeh sees through his eye the beauty, bravery, vivacity and intelligence of the horse," Hsuch said of the bespectacled painter whose works are on display at the

Also on view are Chinese objects d' art., paintings, ceramics, masks, musical instruments and Chinese dolls portraying the various strands of the national costume.

The paintings present a panoramic view of Taiwan. A centerpiece of attraction is a canvas by Chang Dai-chien, China's celebrated painter who employs the splash ink method. The canvas on view depicts the Chinese countryside. Another painting shows the narcissus, a symbol of good luck for the Chinese.

Interestingly, all the paintings carry seals, mentioning the name of the painter, his address and related particulars. There is also a description of the piece as seen through the painter's eyes. The use of Chinese calligraphy is meant to give a balanced look to the canvas.

Referring to the use of the seal, a Chinese official said every adult in his country was required to own a seal which was the standard form of signature. The seals, which were made either of wood or metal, are also used in monetary and legal transactions. Like a signature, no two seals look alike. They are made after a selection from a catalogue.

Earlier, a documentary on Taipei presented a scintillating spectacle of the city, its imposing buildings, its parks and other tourist attractions. The documentary provided an insight into Chinese cultural matrix, such as the human shapes of kites, the dragon dance, etc. A rich Chinese dinner provided a fitting finale to the inaugural festival.

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Medicine is a basic necessity for the atient. Drugs used to be extracted from herbs and used to help patients mmensely, although they were not prepared scientifically. In those days, the patient largely depended on popular prescriptions which used to be successful in eral. most cases, for the prescribers believed

that cure is in the hand of God alone. Today, medicine is like any commodity brought about by modern development, Every ailment has a specific treatment, and the pharmacies, which are supposed to give medicines according to the doctor's prescription, follow a commercial line with no regard to doctors' instructions. Every pharmacy sells medicine even without a physician's prescription, and often it has been noticed that the patient explains his condition the pharmacist, who immediately gives him medicine without a nedical examination.

One is confronted with many problems in the sale of medicines. Do the pharmacies really follow regulations for selling medicine, or are they just places to sell medicine along with cosmetics and perfumes?

Likewise, it is also important to ensure that the buyer knows how to use the medicine. Some people take medicine according to their temperament, using certain medicine only if they like it. Public hospitals patients insist on being given a specific medicine, and if the doctor disagrees, they just throw it away as soon as they come out of the hospital.

Medicine is an essential requirement for the treatment of an ailing person, and the pharmacist and the patient are governed by a human relationship based on consci-

OIC accounts

JEDDAH, March 17 (SPA) - The Permanent Finance Committee of the 42member Organization of the Islamic Conference wound up a four-day session here Monday. The meeting was inaugurated last Monday by Habib Chatti, the OlC secretary gen-

The committee adopted the closing accounts of the organization for the past financial year, and the OIC's new budget estimates to be submitted to the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which will be held in Baghdad next May. It also recommended new quotas for the member states' contribution to the OIC.

IDF grants \$150m loan to Sudan port

KHARTOUM, Sudan, March 17 - The Saudi Industrial Development Fund agreed to contribute \$150 million towards the \$300 million Suakin port project on the 'Red Sea.

The Federal Republic of Germany and Sudan will provide the remaining \$150 million. According to the fund's president, Ali Gawhari, SIDF and West Germany are convinced of the urgent necessity for the new port. The movement of imports and exports has increased beyond the handling capacity of the present port. Sudanese minister of national planning, Nasr Eldin Mustaf, told the Saudi Arabian official.

A joint meeting among the Fund, West Germany and Sudan will take place in Germany in the latter half of April to coordinate implementation procedures. Representatives from S1DF and West Germany arrived here on Feb. 25 to conduct a series of discussions with the concerned parties. The new port of Suakin is located about 45 kilometers south of Port Sudan and 10 kilometers from the older port of Suakin: The maximum capacity, of the port, after completion, is expected to reach three times that of Port Sudan.

Adan arrives

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) - A Somal delegation led by Adan Muhammad Ali the education minister, arrived here Monday evening at the invitation of Education Minis ter Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaitar.

Sotendo Lukino Bistro, secretary generaof the Indonesian Information Ministry also arrived here Monday on a short visit,

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Wednesday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabok
Fajr (Dawn)	5.02	5.03	4.34	4.21	4.46	5.15
Ishraq (Sunrise)	6.27	6.28	5.59	5.46	6.11	6.40
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.29	12.30	12.01	11.48	12.12	12.42
Assr (Evening)	3.54	3.55	3.27	3.14	3.38	4.08
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Diseases discussed

JEDDAH, March 17 - The Sixth Medical Congress sponsored by King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah continued meetings at the Meridien Hotel here Tuesday morning. The seminar is focusing on parasite diseases, an important topic for the Middle East.

Dr. J. Nilson, of Liverpool University tropical diseases division, lectured on bilharzia. Tuesday morning's session was presided over by Dr. W. Peter, of London University tropical diseases school.

Dr. Fuad Zahran, KAU Faculty of Medicine dean, spoke on the hazards of smoking eigarettes and shisha in the King-



dom. He presented a study of comparison between the two substances. The research revealed that the amount of nicotine in shisha is less than the level in other tobacco products. However, permanent smoking of shisha causes toxicosis by carbon monoxide, which damages the respiratory system, he said.

The Congress was opened Sunday evening by Mecca Deputy Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen. Attending are representatives of 14 faculties of medicine in the Arab world and 59 in Europe, the United States, Canada, India, Pakistan, Thailand and Japan.

Delegates are to discuss 250 research papers including 50 by Saudi Arabian doctors. Monday's session was addressed by Prof. Robertson, former dean of the faculty of medicine from Washington University, Dr. Settler, secretary of the World Society for the Handicapped; Dr. Koshran, Riyadh Military Hospital; Prof. Abdulah Ba Salama, head of the maternity section of King Abdul Aziz University's faculty of medicine; and several other prominent medical doctors.

The speakers mainly dealt with pre-natal death and child deformities and the ways and means to prevent and treat them. They also took up the psychological problems faced by the families of handicapped children. A special session was devoted to cancer. It was addressed by Dr. Salah Saginder, dean of the Cancer Academy of Cairo University, who said breast cancer is common in the Arab world and the discussed methods to stop its advance. Other speakers included Dr. Abdul Fattah Al-Badawi from King Abdul Aziz University, who dealt with gland diseases in Saudi Arabia and preventive measures against cancer in the Eastern Province.

Jizan irrigation work readied

JIZAN, March 17 (SPA) - Jizan valley's irrigation and agricultural development project will be dedicated within weeks, assistant project direstor Awad Taher Sallam said. He added that the ministry took control of the first phase of the project three months ago.

Envoys hold talks

ABU DHABI, March 17 (SPA) - Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates, conferred here with Saudi Ambassador to the UAE Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaih. Talks dealt with biletaral relations.

Meanwhile, in Sanaa, Lt. Col. Ali Athrab, the interior minister of North Yemen, held a meeting Monday with Sheikh Trad Al-Harethi, the Saudi ambassador, on the means to foster bilateral cooperation.

Phase I will irrigate a 2,918 hectare area

The second phase will irrigate more than 5,000 hectares and its designs are ready, Sallam said. He added that a pilot farm, which is part of the project, managed to plant new varieties which will soon become popular with farmers in the area. Some 39 farmers were trained to date at a training center under the project.

The project also provides a mobile workshop to fix agricultural equipment that malfunctions in the area. In addition, the ministry gives agricultural guidance to the farmers under a specific program. An economic survey undertaken to know whether new agricultural methods had led to increased revenues. An investigative study on farmers' standards and living conditions also will be studied.

To UNRWA

Kingdom gives extra\$5m

VEINNA, March 17 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia has promised to give the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNR WA) an extra five million dollars this year to help save its education program, an agency spokesman said.

Even with this grant, which is in addition to Saudi Arabia's annual contribution of \$1.2 million, UNRWA still faced a \$29 million deficit for 1981 and might have to make some of its teachers redundant, he said.

The Saudi grant and a recent contribution of \$10 million from the United States would

ensure that UNRWA schooling continued in The Vienna-based agency, which plans to spend a total of \$230 million this year, has appealed to governments for extra funds to

maintain its schools. Mosque to be built

DAMMAM, March 17 (SrA) - Contracts totalling SR1,275,000 were signed here for the construction of mosques in the Eastern Province with a seven month construction period.

According to Ibrahim Al-Saif, director general of endowments, the contracts call for the construction of the Eid (feast) mosque in Al-Oyun, the Eid mosque in Al-Marah villages, Al-Assila mosque in Ahsa, and Ali Shah mosque.

the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip beyond May this year, the spokesman

But teachers would shortly be made redundant in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon if more money was not found. UNRWA provides elementary and secondary schooling for about 340,000 Palestinian refugee children, 200,000 of whom live in Jordan.

It also gives health and relief services to 1.85 million Palestinian refugees.

In other developments, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, the president of the Youth Welfare Organization, returned to Riyadh Monday evening from Abu Dhabi after leading the Kingdom's delegation to the Arab Youth and Sports Ministers Conference.

The conference wound up Sunday evening by adopting a series of recommendations, foremost among which was that special dubs should be built for Palestinian youths in conformity with the prevailing rules in every country.

A committee has also been set up to examine the ways and means of presenting aid to Morocco to enable it host the sixth Arab sports games and the Mediterranean games. The fifth session of the Arab Youth and Sports Ministers Conference will be held in Mogadishu, Jan. 21-23, 1982. It will be preceded by a meeting, Jan. 18-19, of the con-

Consumer protection ruling issued for product safety

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) - The Commerce Ministry's Directorate General for Consumer Protection requested that date of manufacture and expiration date for electric insulation tape be mentioned on product

The directorate requested that chambers of commerce circulate the statement to electric appliance importers. The move is aimed at ensuring that tape on the markets is of the highest quality.

In a seperate development, the Quality Control Laboratory of the Consumer Protection Directorate issued a report on its activities last month.

Ahmad Alawi Qassem, laboratory director, said a total of 2,200 different samples were analyzed at the laboratory last month. The samples are subjected to chemical and germs analysis to ensure that they are good for human consumption and free of probibited and harmful substances.

The percentage of the rejected items from the analyzed samples amounted to nine per cent. Oassem said. Most of the frozen chicken samples analyzed did not comply with the specifications, he added. The percentage of liquids was higher than the allowed limit, and the expiration period specified by the product's labels was longer than the admissible six months time. Qassem called on frozen chicken importers to comply with the standard specifications for chicken in future deal-

In another statement, the directorate requested the Kingdom's chambers of commerce to inform cigar and tobacco importers to print a warning on tobacco merchandise.

The consumer protection directorate demanded that the label "Smoking is the major cause for lung cancer, other lung diseases, heart and artery illnesses" be put on every pack of cigarettes or other tobacco pro-

The directorate also demanded that cigarettes containing more than 15 milligram of tar and 1 milligram of nicotine in one cigarette be banned.

It called on agents of cigarette importing companies to request certificates from the manufacturers stating the contents of tar and nicotine. The certificate should be endorsed by the Saudi Arabian embassy in the country of the manufacturing company.

The move is a result of the anti-smoking committee recommendations and resolutions for the Gulf Council of Health Ministers.



Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi

Group discusses

welfare projects

OATIF, March 17 (SPA) - The National

Social Services Committee discussed com-

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The Qatif Social Services Center's family

services program aids to 85 families. The

program secures all the basic needs for the

families. Other activities of the center include

a social education program, and a program

The center also organized a contest on

Islamic culture and social development this

week. Local clubs took part in the contest

for looking after elderly people.

which was won by Kawkab club.

Irish group signs pact

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) - Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, chairman of the Saudi Arabian consulting house, will sign cooperation agreement between the Irish Electricity Council and the consulting house.

The five-year agreement calls for the Irish council to make designs for power plants and electricity distribution networks in the Kingdom and supervise their construction. In addition, the council will present consultation in the field of electricity and handle training of nationals on electrical consulting works.

The agreement was approved by the Saudi Arabian consulting house during its meeting Sunday night. The meeting also endorsed the estimated budget for the house for the next fiscal year. The meeting, headed by Dr. Algosaibi, also reviewed the consulting house's activities, various engineering projects and industrial studies. The house's working plan for the next five years was also discussed at the meeting.

Ships readied for sea

JEDDAH, March 17 (SPA) - Saudi Maritime Shipping Company is preparing to put its first two ships into operation. The vessels were purchased from Kuwait.

The Kuwait Investment Company recently handed the Saudi firm two of the four Ro-Ro ships that were bought for \$48 million. The ships -, Saudi Riyadh and Saudi Mecca hold 35,000-ton capacity each and will shuttle between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.

The new company is 100 per cent Saudi owned. One quarter of its shares are government-owned. The company is working on obtaining docking rights in various world ports as a national company.

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As calm returns to Mauritania

Morocco denies role in abortive coup

RABAT, March 17 (Agencies) -Morocco has vigorously denied a charge by Mauritanian Premier Sid ahmed Ould Bneijare that it was behind an unsuccessful attempt Monday to overthrow the Mauritanian gov-

The attempt was foiled when a "suicide commando" led by two cexiled Mauritanian colonels ran into violent resistance around the palace, the radio station and in the streets of the capital, Nouakchott. The colonels were arrested and an unknown number of persons were killed, Mauritanian officials said. Earher reports had said that one of the colonels.

Khartoum bans sale of alcoholic drinks

KHARTOUM, March 17 - The sale and drink of alcoholic beverages in the clubs in the province of Khartoum, Sudan, has been prohibited by decree. Khartoum commissioner Sheikh Idris Manaa issued directions Sanday against the sale of alcoholic drinks in sectoral, social and cultural clubs in the province. He ordered the police and the authorities concerned to take action against the law-breakers. The latest decree and other orders have been issued in the eastern and western regions in the light of the state drive toward Islamization of laws in Sudan.

Palme to visit Iran, Iraq

UNITED NATIONS. March 17 (R) -Special United Nations envoy Olof Palme, who has been trying to secure a ceasefire in the Irin-Iraq war, will make another trip to the area, probably next week, a U.N. spokesman

Palme, a former Swedish Prime Minister, has already made three trips to the area and talked to government leaders in Baghdad and Tehran, Iran has refused to consider a ceasefire while Iraqi troops remain on its territory

Egypt giving arms to Habre forces

Habre forces.

which borders Chad

CAIRO, March 17 (R) - Egypt has officially confirmed for the first time that it was supplying arms to Hissane Habre's forces in the Chad civil war. Foreign Minister Kamal Hawan Ali told a press conference Monday that Egyptian supplies were being channelled to the armyof former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre fighting the Libyan-backed forces of President Goukouni Queddei.

Asked for details of the Egyptian supplies, the foreign minister said he was not prepared to "tell secrets". According to Western diplomats here, the supplies have largely

Muhammad Ould Abdul Kader, had died in the attack, but Mauritanian Information Minister Ahmedou Oule Sidi Henena said later that the colonel swallowed a dose of poison when he was arrested, but that doctors at a Nouakchott hospital managed to save his

His comrade, Lt. Col. Ahmad Salem Ould Sidi, was also arrested, Mauritanian radio said. Moroccan officials, quoted by the official MAP news agency, expressed their "profound indignation" at Premier Bneijara's charges that the coup attempt was masterminded by Rabat. They said there was no proof of any such complicity.

Meanwhile, calm has been restormed in the Mauritanian capital. "The situation is entirely in the hands of our forces," an official government statement broadcast on the radio said. "The commando-suicide has been annihilated,"

In Paris, well-informed French sources said fighting in the city center was fierce and Mauritanian government forces appeared to have captured a large number of prisoners. Relations between Mauritania and Morocco have been strained since August 1979 when Mauritania withdrew from its zone in the Western Sahara and stopped waging war with Morocco against the Algerian-backed Polisario movement.

and Iraq has refused to withdraw until its

territorial claims have been recognized. Regarding Palme's efforts to secure safe passage, under the Red Cross flag of more than 60 merchant ships trapped by the fighting in the Shatt Al-Arab waterway, the spokesman said Monday one obstacle remained. U.S. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim therefore was sending Assistant Secretary-General Diego Cordovez, from Ecuador, to the area this week to try to help resolve the problem.

running Chad civil war. He denied that Egyp-

tian military advisers were serving with the

Egypt has strongly denounced Libya's

intervention in Chad and has repeatedly

declared it will send troops to help Sudan if

Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi commits

any form of aggression against that country,

been small arms and ammunition. Ali said quoted Tuesday as saying. Egypt had consulted Western governments, primarily France, about its role in the long-

South Yemen protests U.S. bases

ADEN, March 17 (AP) - President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen has said the presence of American military 'bases" in the region threaten the security

and stability of the area. As a result, the foreign ministry presented an official memorandum to the secretary general of the Arab League explaining the serious developments taking place because of the alleged American and Egyptian military maneuvers in Oman, he said.

The memorandum pointed to the 'aggressive encroachments' of the Omani forces across the eastern borders of Yemen at the time of American, Omani and Egyptian military maneuvers. South Yemen urged the Arab League to condemn the maneuvers by the countries. Meanwhile, South Yemeni defense minister said that Yemeni armed forces are to respond to "anyone daring to harm our sacred homeland and would teach the aggressor more tough lessons."

U.S. envoy meets Ali

CAIRO, March 17 (AP) - America's ambassador to Cairo met with Egypt's foreign minister Monday to prepare for the April visit of the U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Ambassador Alfred L. Atherton held talks with Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. Haig is due here the first week of April as part of a Middle East tour, his first as secretary of state.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) - Israel has told the United States it will destroy two major air bases in the Sinai due to be handed over to Egypt if Cairo refuses to hand them over to Washington to meet U.S. strategic needs, the Israeli press reported Tuesday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) - Egypt has demanded that the West German government put a stop to a missile testing project being conducted by a German company in Libya, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali was

MANAMA, (AP) - Bahrain and Australia agreed Monday to upgrade their trade relations, and the Australian deputy prime minister and minister for trade and resources said there was room for broader cooperation between his country and the Gulf states, TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel's 58,000

teachers held a partial strike Monday, closing elementary and secondary schools early to protest government stalling in implementing a wage agreement signed 11 days ago.

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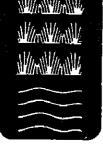
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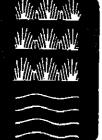
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UNITED NATIONS, March 17 (R) -Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim says he does not intend asking for a United Nations troops withdrawal from Southern Lebanon, despite an artillery barrage which killed two Nigerian soldiers and wounded many others in the peacekeeping force.

In his report to the Security Council on Monday's bombardment in the village of Kantara, blamed by a U.N. spokesman on the Israeli backed Lebanese militia. Waldheim

said the incident was an affront to the Security Council. In a reference to a troop pullout, he said: "I do not propose this drastic step because I am convinced that the withdrawal of UNIFIL (United Nations Force in Lebanon) would lead to an immediate and violent escalation of the conflict in South Lebanon, with disastrous consequences and unpredictable and widespread repercussions which, would constitute a major threat to international peace and security."

Some 58 UNIFIL soldiers have been killed since the force was sent there three years ago following an Israeli invasion. U.N. Security Council members are holding private consultations, and although members have condemned the rightist militia attack, no formal statement has yet been issued.

Diplomatic sources said there was a disagreement about the wording of a formal Security Council statement on the attack.

RRANCI OPENING

YESTERDAY, 17 March 1981, the Saudi British Bank opened its 4th branch in Riyadh - in Olaya. The official opening was conducted by Sheikh Mohamed Abdulkarim Al-Loheidan, a director of the Bank and was witnessed by members of the Bank's senior management.

The Branch Manager, Mohamed Abdulla Al Khayal, previously manager of the Bank's Sharia Dabaab Branch became an executive officer of the bank in 1980 after a period of training with the Bank in Saudi Arabia and also with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hong Kong.

The Saudi British Bank's branch, in Olaya, is the first to be opened this year as part of the Bank's expansion programme following a year of consolidation involving strengthening of its infrastructure though creation and development of support services, including a new training centre in Riyadh, to assist the improvement of operational efficiency.

A unique feature of the new branch is that all its accounting system will be handled by computer and customers will benefit from the speed and accuracy made possible by automated procedures.

The Managing Director said that the opening of this latest branch showed that the Saudi British Bank remains dedicated to its fundamental goal to contribute towards, and to play a positive part in the economic development of the Kingdom by continually improving and extending its services to the community.

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As panel studies dispute

Khomeini supports Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, March 17 (R) - President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Tuesday appeared to have won at least a partial victory in his struggle with Iranian government leaders, following powerful backing from Ayatollah Khomeini. "As I appointed the president commander-in-chief of the armed forces, everybody should recognize him in the post and commanders of the armed forces must obey him," said Ayatollah Khomeini in a statement read Monday night on state televi-

Ignoring calls for the president's dismissal or for someone else to conduct the war against Iraq, the Ayatollah set up a threeman committee to study the current disputes, comprising a representative of Bani-Sadr, one from "the other side" and one from his own office. By doing so, he implicitly recognized Bani-Sadr as a counterweight to the clergy who dominate virtually all other state organs, including the judiciary, the Majlis (parliament), the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) and the supreme constitutional watchdog guardianship council.

Khomeini called on officials and prayer leaders to work together to calm the atmosphere and to avoid speeches that could cause unrest. In an evident rebuke to all sides, he said "the president, the prime minister, the head of the supreme court and the speaker of

The 80-year-old Ayatollah was moving to

resolve a dispute which, after simmering for several months, boiled over following factional fighting at a rally addressed by Bani-Sadr March 5. Seeing that neither side would let the issue die down, the Komeini called the president, Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, his predecessor Mehdi Bazargan and four leading pro-IRP clergymen to a meeting Monday morning in a Tehran mosque.

Having heard their views, Khomeini Monday night issued his 10-point peace plan.

This confirmed all senior officeholders in their posts but forbade them to interfere in each other's spheres of responsibility and reminded them that none of them stood above the constitution. "Nobody is allowed to insult or weaken them and anybody who does so will be investigated and denounced." said the Ayatollah's statement.

In this context, he empowered the threeman committee to monitor the mass media, which has played a prominent role in the conflict, and to inform the prosecutorgeneral of anything that appeared harmful. Throughout his statement, the Ayatoliah avoided moving to the level of party politics from his position as a symbol of national

After talks with Thatcher on M.E.

U.S. fears calmed on European peace plan

By Leonard Downie

WASHINGTON, March 17 (WP) - The Reagan administration appears to be less antagonistic than was the Carter administration to the continuing effort by Western Europe to search independently in the Middle East for new approaches to the Palesti-

Detailed discussion of the European initiative in the Middle East by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Minister Lord Carrington in their talks with President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig recently calmed official concern here that the European effort could conflict with what Reagan eventually decides to do about the deadlocked Americansponsored Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, according to both British and American officials.

"The talks cleared away a certain amount of misunderstanding," said a well-informed British official. Reporting that Haig said he recognized there was a role for Europe to play in the search for peace in the Middle East, the official added that the British found "a little more openness" on this question in their talks with the Reagan administration.

A senior State Department official said that by the end of the discussion of the Middle East by British and American officials, "perceptions on both sides had changed somewhat" and it appeared that the European and American efforts in the Middle East were 'manageable and integratable."

"Both sides have a better understanding now," the State Department official said. "The U.S. realizes that the (European) Common Market countries have a vital interest in peace in the Middle East and the British now understand that we are concerned that what they do should be complimentary and not cut across" what the U.S. decides to do

Haig told British reporters traveling with Thatcher that their talks "clearly indicated that the objectives of European involvement in (the Mideast) coincide with our own objectives in the broad sense of the term."

Thatcher and other European officials said they do not expect the Reagan administration to do about the Arab-Israeli impasse until after the Israeli elections in June.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher Van Der Klaauw representing the European Common Market nations, will be touring the Middle East seeking reaction to a 30-page West European draft of optional approaches to the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian problems.

A senior British official stressed that the confidential draft prepared by some parts of which have leaked to the press, contains "a very wide range of options" being offered for discussion with leaders of Middle East nations and the Palestinians "to see where a degree of consensus can be built."

Among these options, which have stirred increased opposition to the European effort by Israel and some strongly pro-Israeli advisers to the Reagan administration, are withdrawal of Israel troops and settlements from all Arab territory occupied since 1967, dividing Jerusalem between Israel and Jordan or putting East Jerusalem under some form of international control, and having all of the former Arab inhabitants of Palestine vote in a referendum on whether they want an independent Palestinian state outside Israel's 1967 horders or be federated with either israel or Jordan.

"This is not a cut and dried proposal or plan," a British official said. "The (Euro-

pean) community is not committed to any

particular course of action."

After Van Der Klaauw completes his consultations with Middle East leaders, he will report back to the leaders of the Common Market countries who could then take further action at one of their regularly-scheduled summit meetings this summer. In a declaration on the Middle East at a summit last year in Venice, the West European leaders laid down two principles they believed essential for a peace settlement: recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination in some form and recognition by the Palestinians, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, of Israel's right to exist within secure borders. The European leaders also said it was necessary for the PLO to be involved, along with other representatives of the Palestinians, in negotiations on the Palestinians' future.

Carrington, who said recently that he would not rule out meeting personally with Pl:O leader Yasser Arafat, repeated during his visit here that "It isn't any good ignoring the facts of life," such as the PLO's representation of a large number of Palestinians. He pointed out that if Britian had ignored third-world leaders like Kenyatta in Kenya, Zambabwe, it would have been unable to make progress in solving those colonial prob-

American diplomats see the European initiative as primarily an effort to curry favor with Arab countries in the Middle East who provide Western Europe much of its energy and one of its major export markets. European diplomats say their effort is necessary to prevent total estrangement from the West of moderate Arab leaders who believe the Carter administration's Camp David peace process has reached a dead end and the U.S. remains insensitive to the rights of the Pales-

Neither American nor European diplomats expect the European effort to produce any dramatic results before the Israeli elections or the Reagan administration's formulation of its policy on the Arab-Israeli impasse and the Palestinian problem. French sources, who stress the unusual European "convergence" and close cooperation inside the Common Market on this issue, speculate that the Reagan administration may eventually be persuaded to move U.S. policy closer to the European perception that any comprehensive peace plan for the Middle Eastrequires satisfaction of Palestinian selfdetermination.

Noting the Reagan administration's recently-announced shift of priorities in the Middle East from former President Carter's Camp David negotiations between Egypt and Israel on Palestinian autonomy to "the deteriorating position of the West vis-a-vis the Soviet Union" in that region, one senior French official said "Our very strong view is that there is only one way he can stop Soviet penetration in that part of the world, and that is by solving the Palestinian problem."

Asked about official American skepticism that the Europeans can ever accomplish much with their initiative, particularly so long as it is strongly opposed by Israel, French Foriegn Minister Jean François-Poncet said at the end of his consultations with the Reagan administration here recently that "I don't think the countries of the Middle East can ignore the position of a united Europe."

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He made it clear that he did not intend to abandon Bani-Sadr in favor of the dergy, whose running of the government has raised doubts over their competence, especially in the economic sector.

But his 10 points all stressed national unity and constitutional legality, making it difficult for any side to object to them. Iranian observers said the statement was likely to cool the political temperature, at least for the time being.

Meanwhile, Khomeini's grandson said Monday that 90 per cent of the clergy supported Bani-Sadr. Hussain Khomeini said in an interview with the Islamic revolution newspaper, which Bani-Sadr owns, that the president was "the last hope of the republic."

Khomeini, who is himself a clergyman, repudiated his past support for the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) and said: "Ninety per cent of the Iranian clergy are in favor of Bani-Sadr but they have been pushed aside. "A minority of the clergy have become the rulers, introducing themselves as the representatives of the whole clergy."

The grandson said: "Most clergymen are dissatisfied with the present situation as they see the wrongs done in their name ... They must not remain silent any longer." He said that events had shown that the clergymen controlling the IRP were unable to run the country. He referred to their record in increasing economic dependency, the brain drain and Iran's budget deficit, estimated to have drained its reserves by \$11 billion in the

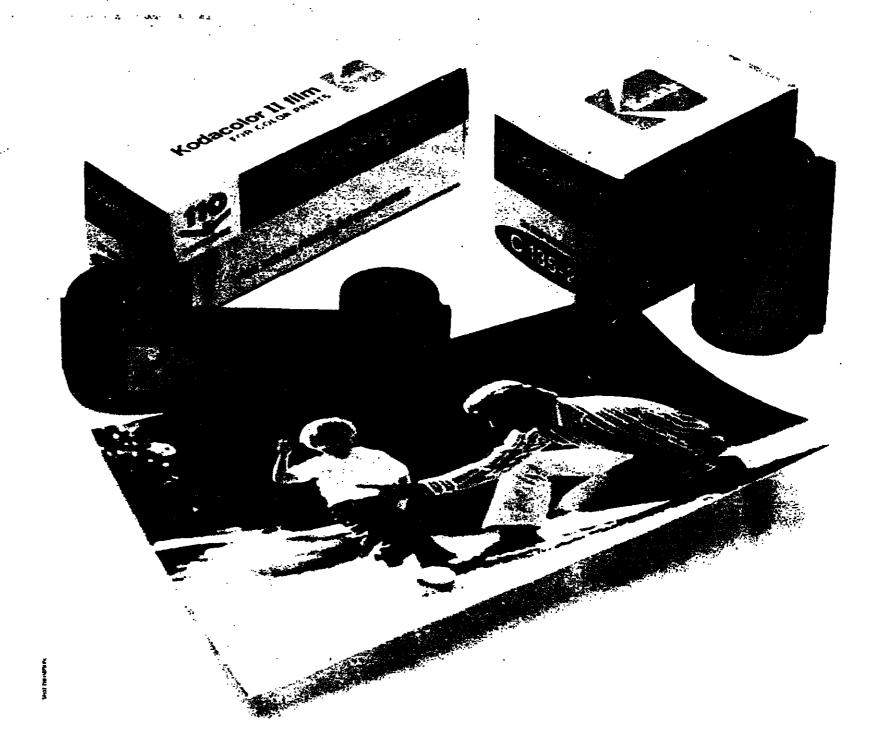
To remain in power, he said, "their main plan is to portray the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini) as one of themselves and to put him and Bani-Sadr face to face ... "The nation and all of us (the clergy) are happy that the Imam has not given up his support for Bani-



WAITING FOR AYATOLLAH: Iranian leaders waiting for the Ayatollah Khomeini at a Tehran mosque Monday. Seen in the gardent to left) are the chief justice of the supreme court, Ayatollah, Muhammad Beheshti, the speaker Hojatoleslam Rafsanjanii, Bazargan, Majlis deputy, President Bani-Sadr and Musavi Ardebili, prosecutor-general of the republic.

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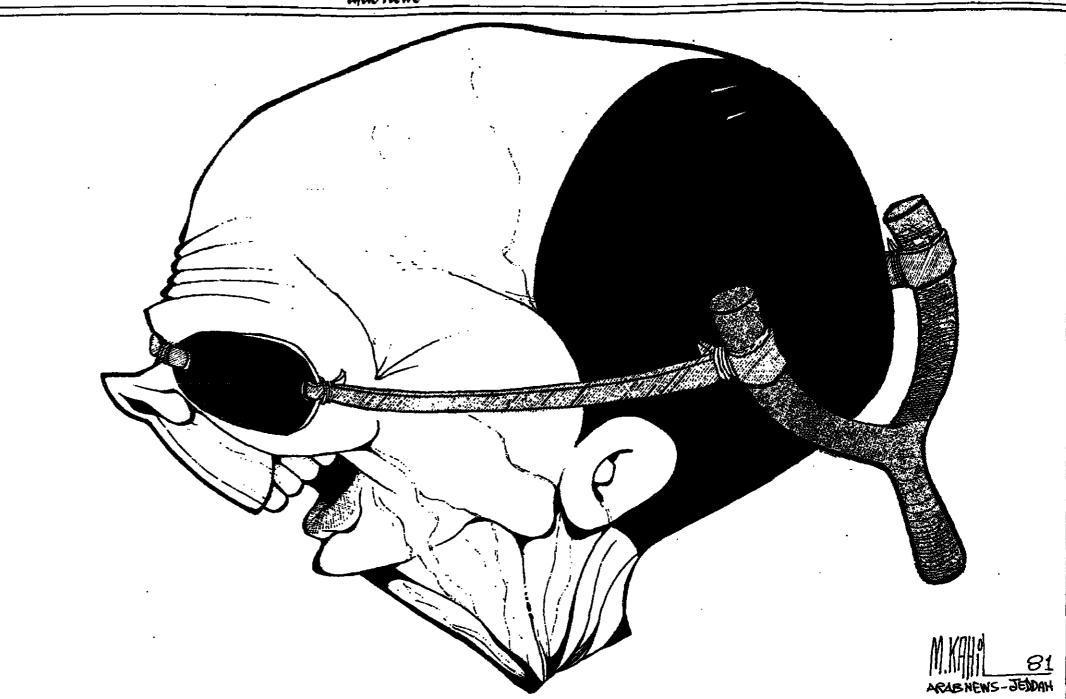
ABORTIVE COUP

The attempted coup in Mauritania is the last of a long list of successful and unsuccessful coups since the country gained its independence from France in the early sixties. Indeed that independence itself was disputed by Morocco, which had for a long time regarded Mauritania as part of its soil. Political considerations then changed Morocco's mind, and when Morocco started, in the middle seventies, to press its claim to what was called then the Spanish Sahara, Mauritania joined it in the hope of obtaining a share.

The war which followed proved too stressful for Mauritania, where a coup took place and the country made its peace with the Polisario. Moroccan troops then extended their operations, to what was deemed the Mauritanian part of the Sahara, and even to Mauritania itself, where 12,000 troops were stationed because of

The present coup came after Mauritania accused Morocco of interfering in its affairs. Morocco itself, though it has abandoned its claim to the country, has nevertheless very strong interests in it, especially in that part of the Sahara which was assigned to it. It was noticeable that while the Moroccan foreign minister denied the charge, he also said that Mauritania should constrain itself to the existing agreements with Morocco.

The situation in Arab North Africa is clearly deteriorating; and it appears that pressures from the superpowers are to blame, as each side pursues its interests through encouraging its regional friends. It is no accident that both Algeria and Morocco are seeking new arms, and in larger quantities than before.



Famine threat as drought hits Uganda

By Jay Ross

D'RHINO CAMP, Uganda -Not far from the longest river in the world, tens of thousands of Ugandans face the prospect of famine in the next few months because of drought and war along the Nile.

"If there is no external aid, dozens will die daily within a few months," said Melissa Wells, chief U.N. representative in Uganda, after a five-day, 900-mile tour of West Nile Province in northwestern Uganda. Wells, a former U.S. diplomat at the United Nations, has appealed to the world organization for about \$3 million to help the area surmount the immediate crisis and to prevent a major refugee problem. About 250,000 people fled across the Zaire and Sudan borders in October after a war between the Ugandan army and guerrillas formerly loyal to Idi Amin. Most have come back but have little food because their crops rotted or were stolen in their absence.

In addition, in areas along the steamy Nile where failed altogether. The basic technology to use the river for irrigation has never been developed. In Arua district, with a population of about 200,000 local officials told U.N. representatives that the harvest was only 30 to 40 per cent of normal because of the war and the drought.

The immediate critical period starts later in March, when meager supplies are expected to run out, and continues until June, the time of the next harvest - if the rains come on schedule, If the food does not come from outside, there is likely to be a new outpouring of refugees, this time due to hunger

Over the long term, the area faces a crisis shared with much of the rest of Uganda - a shortage of agricultural supplies, such as seeds, fertilizer and tools. It is estimated that Uganda, where fields are traditionally tilled by hand because of a lack of oxen, needs to import at least 5 million boes if farmers are to work their fields normally. As a result of a decade of chaos, the country has not produced any hoes for years. Most still being used for worn down to less than half the original blade. The country has no foreign exchange to buy hoes. It is relying on foreign aid, mainly from the United States and the European Common Market, for

agricultural implements. One U.N. official was given long lists of agricultural needs in each area. The shopping list at Moyo, near the Sudan border, was typical: 5 tons of fertilizer, 10 tons of groundnut seeds, 5 tons of sorghum seed, 2,500 packets of vegetable seeds and 10,000 containers of pesticides. Wells estimates that it will be necessary to bring in 1,000 tons of food a month - mainly corn, sorghum and milk - to supplement the staple diet of cassava, a starchy root that is low in nutritional value.
Francesco Stripolli, head of the U.N. World Food

Program Office in Kampala, noted sadly that in normal times there should be no reason for Uganda to import food. "Nature has blessed this country so much with abundant rainfall and good soil that Uganda should be an exporter of food," he said.

So lush is most of Uganda that people often say a stick shoved in the ground will grow. Two crops a year are common in many areas in West Nile. The famine caused by war and drought has been aggravated by lack of transport and commerce and water-borne diseases, particularly schistosomiasis. Only vehicles from the military or relief organizations were encountered during five days of driving through the province, which occupied Uganda's northwestern corner along the borders with Zaire and Sudan. There are no buses. Even if there were, there is no fuel. Nor is it possible to phone or send a letter to Kampala, the capital.

Few people have returned to Rhino Camp - a

name now inappropriate since the white rhinos were illegally killed during Amin's rule. The few people who did return often have to walk 24 miles to go to market. Because of the distance and fear of moving in the dark, the trip takes two days.

The Nile is both a provider and a killer for the inhabitants of its banks. The river has two distinct personalities as it crisscrosses Uganda before entering Sudan, where it is called the White Nile and joins with the Blue Nile at Khartoum.

From its source at Lake Victoria, the White Nile flows rapidly to the northwest over a series of waterfails to Lake Albert. It then slows considerably as it leaves the lake and meanders sluggishly toward Sudan. This is the part that borders West Nile. The slow pace of the river makes it easier to net fish, the main source of protein, but it also encourages the growth of reeds. Snails, carrying the parasite that causes schistosomiasis, live on the reeds. The constant use of the river by the people means that contact with the parasite is inevitable. The parasite causes dysentery, destroys the intes-

tine and eventually lodges in the liver, leading to fatal cirrhosis. A cure exists, but medical aid is far away for most West Nile residents. Dr. Carlo Spagnolli, who treats hundreds of vic-

tims at Angal mission near the river, said the disease, also known as bilharzia, causes "the intestine to become like a pipe. You put food in the body and it comes right out."

Driven by hunger, people also eat water lily seeds, causing further digestive difficulties. In the highlands, the problem is different. The war was more intense there and with the border close by, most of the people became refugees. The nearness of the border increases the chance that the donated food will fall into the hands of smugglers eager to sell it across the frontier.

A lack of protein is causing illness in the border area where the diet consists of little but cassava. The German emergency doctors organization set up an outpatient clinic at Oluva mission, about two miles from the Zairian border, in January. By the third day of operation they were treating 300 patients. mainly children. The clinic is just around the corner from the inappropriately named Vitamin Hotel.

Dr. Reinhard Bunjes said the main health problem is kwashiorkor, caused by protein deficiency. It results in the bloated-looking stomach so common among starving children.

Taiwan seeks F-16 from U.S By Michael Getler ironing out the new policy toward mainland China.

WASHINGTON -The government of Taiwan has indicated it wants to buy high-performance F-16 jet fighters from the United States, a proposal that confronts the Reagan administration with the delicate problem of balancing its foreign policy toward Asia between old

friend Taiwan and new friend China. Though no decision has been made, informed sources say that a number of senior administration officials, including some in the White House and Pentagon, are in favor of selling the jets and that there is strong feeling among them that "it is important for the U.S. to maintain the friendship of

In the State Department, however, there is said to be a more cautious attitude toward any sale, because it could anger mainland China and perhaps cost the United States some influence there when Washington is looking for all the company it can find to bring pressure against the Soviet Union.

The roughly 400-plane air force of Taiwan has always been equipped with U.S.-built aircraft, and the indications that Taiwan is ready for a more modern and capable plane to replace its F-5 fighters comes as no real surprise. The potential problem with China, however, comes from the expected formal request from Taiwan for the F-16. The F-16 is among the best and newest U.S. fighters and even though the mainland Chinese have a vastly larger air force — conceivably could be trouble for Peking's air force if the two Chinese republics ever

Congressional sources say the fighter decision is a key undecided question in an interagency review going on in the new administration and aimed at

The issue is not only delicate in foreign policy terms for Washington; it may also be a sensitive question between President Reagan and the State Department, which is run by one of Reagan's key cabinet officers, Alexander Haig Jr.

Some officials close to Haig believe that, though Reagan wants good relations with Peking, he has "a little bit of a blind spot when it comes to Taiwan' meaning that the president's longtime feeling of closeness and friendship toward Taiwan may make it difficult to manage relations skillfully with Pek-

In December 1978, the Carter administration reduced "official" U.S. ties to Taiwan as part of an agreement with Peking that established "normal" diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of. China. At the time, Reagan denounced Carter's move as "an outright betrayal of Taiwan" and several times during the subsequent election campaign candidate Reagan said he would advocate reestablishment of official relations with Taiwan.

It is not yet clear what model of the F-16 Taiwan will get if a decision is made to supply the planes. The version already in the hands of the U.S. Air Force has a very high-powered engine that gives the plane long range and high speed. But the plane's manufacturer, General Dynamics Corp., also has developed an "export version" with a less powerful engine that presumably may look less threatening as viewed from the Chinese mainland.

Another possibility is an advanced version of the Northrop F-5. But several sources said they thought it was clear that Taiwan, perhaps for prestige and defense reasons, wanted the hotter and faster F-16.

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Arabian

Most of the Kingdom's newspapers Tuesday led with Crown Prince Fund's reaffirmation of the state's keen desire to give full care to mosques since they are "the first institution for Islam and Muslims," The crown prince said this in a message on the occasion of the fourth annual week for the care of mosques. Meanwhile, Al Riyadh gave lead coverage to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy's closing account, which was submitted to the Council of Ministers Monday. The account showed the state expenditure at SR188.4 billion for the preceding fiscal year. On the other hand, Al Nadwa said in a lead story that the Islamic goodwill committee will resume

its mission on March 27. Newspapers frontpaged the crown prince's statement on the significance of mosques. They also gave page one highlight to the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers, which was chaired by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard, Monday. The arrival in Taif of the former hostages of the hijacked Pakistani aircraft was also played prominently on the front pages of the newspapers. The aborted coup in Mauritania was highlighted as a front-page story by At Medina and Al Bilad, while Al Riyadh reported in a page one story that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will pay a visit to Saudi Arabia in April to explain America's new policy to the Kingdom's officials.

Newspaper editorials discussed the mission of the Islamic goodwill committee, reiterating the Islamic nation cannot afford to halt its efforts to stop bloodshed between Irau and Iran. Some papers foc-

cused light on the Soviet expansionist designs in the Middle East. In an editorial, Al Medina dealt with the tour of some pressmen to military installations and schools, which was aimed to acquaint them with the progress being made by the armed forces in the country. The paper reaffirmed that the Kingdom will continue to provide strength to its brethren in faith, as it did during the Ramadan war with Israel and upheld the dignity of the Arabs.

Al Rivadh discussed the escalating Zionist campaigns against Saudi Arabia and said Israel has tried many times to obstruct the Kingdom's role through its aggressive plots. The paper said the Israeli enemy is trying to re-enter the African continent, but it won't succeed since the Kingdom would not allow a fresh Zionist influence in Islamic states. It added that Israel feels panicky after seeing the huge sums the Kingdom has allocated for the building a modern army, and therefore accuses that it would create an imbalance in the region. The paper wanted the Zionists to know for sure that the Arabs know how and when to use the language of power.

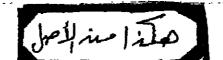
Dealing with the Islamic goodwill committee's mission, Al Nadwa said there is still hope that Iraq and Iran will find a common base for setting their dispute pencefully. It added that the conditions put forward by both Iraq and Iran for a peaceful solution, opens the door before the committee for continuing its mission with the same spirit with which it had begun the task. The paper held the view that both countries can find more than one avenue to solve their dispute, and the Islamic nation will remain prepared to contribute

On the same subject, Okaz observed that the time has come to put an end to the bloody war because it has become clear to everyone that its continuance would only bring further losses and destruction. The paper reaffirmed that the Islamic nation would continue to exert sincere endeavors to be able to stop bloodshed. It added that war would bring no advantage to anyone, as there are hostile forces ready to exploit the situation in their own interest.It warned that these powers are trying to find an opportunity for intervention under any justification, and added that any negligence would only add to the seriousness of the situation. The paper, however, hoped that the goodwill committee would be able to realize its cherished objectives for the larger benefit of the

Al Jazirah concerned itself with the efforts being exerted to find peace in the Middle East. It said that, while West Europe feels concerned about the Middle East situation and is trying to find a acceptable formula for a peaceful settlement of the crisis, the U.S. administration attaches secondary importance to the Middle East problem and attaches primary significance to the Soviet expansionist attempt in the region. In the paper's view, the Soviet ambitious designs would not help it make any progress in spreading its influence in the region so long as the U.S. really wants to check the expansionist attempts of the Soviet Union, it would have to attach utmost priority to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the paper said.



Begin: "Why did you approve the sale of sophisticated arms to Saudi Arabia Reagan: 'This is America's own concern, none of your business."





Enlightening science fair at Dhahran academy

By Jean Grant

AL KHOBAR - Vicki Streeter used to believe that talking to your plants made them grow faster and better. No longer. After experimenting, she discovered that the two she whispered sweet nothings to made no progress while the couple she spoke nary a word to flourished.

A more practical-minded student wanted to know the best antacid "in case I ever get an upset stomach." He disproved his own hypothesis that Alka Seltzer was best because it was so popular when another brand, Rioplus, "took more vinegar to turn from blue to light purple" in his experiment.

These were two of the 550 exhibits in the science fair at Dhahran Academy, March 9-11. Displays in 30 categories ranged from aerodynamics to volcanoes. Max the scientific warthog was the fair's mascot; 20-foot banners with science slogans decorated the school gymnasium, site of the fair. Next to a quote by Goethe ("Science and art belong to the whole world and national barriers vanish before them") was an equally long banner with a Dhahran Academy student's definition of science as: "the fun fizz fusion of atoms in the air. It is the stars, sun, and satel-

lites of our world and universe." Many experiments reflected the Saudi Arabian scene. For her project on products of petroleum, Fiona Burness displayed a jar of oil, murky and black, from the Abu Hadriya Well No. 8 extracted from a depth of 10,070 feet. Not too far from models of oil rigs were collections of scorpions, cacti and dugs. Joe Cordell had a fine display of Saudi Arabian seashells and Jason Bailey, a 9-year-old rock hound, won a ribbon for his collection of Saudi Arabian rocks.

An interest in bones and nutrition led junior high student Demetra to study the effect of various liquids on bones. After putting chicken bones into separate jars of Pepsi, coffee, and lemon juice, and observing that the Pepsi made the bones thinner, coffee hardened them and lemon juice bleached them. she concluded "some liquids are good for

Masterpieces

time tragedy will be staged here on March 20

with the auction of paintings by modern mas-

ters, part of a lost fortune which lay hidden in

a Paris bank vault for 40 years. The art works

were deposited at the Societe Generale Bank

in 1940 by a Yugoslav jew, Eric Shlomovich.

Solar energy projects were popular with miniature solar houses, furnaces, cookers and even a solar plane for cloudless days. Besides, a solar water purification plant was the apologetic sign, "Sorry, cannot demonstrate because of a leak."

Health-conscious youngsters illustrated the dangers of smoking, alcohol, and narcotics. In an ingenious experiment, Judy Wood asked her father, an average smoker, to use only one ash tray in the house. Over it she installed two jars, one sealed at the bottom, the other open. After three weeks, the sealed jar was still clean, but the sides of the jar where the cigarette smoke could enter were coated a grayish-black color. "I hope I have encouraged many smokers including my father to stop smoking and live a long life,"

Julie Haldeman took some of the mystery out of orthodontia with her display of 'proper tooth eruption." Since several students now wear or face the prospect of wearing braces or retainers on their teeth, her models of teeth in gums, X-rays, and dental tools had many interested viewers.

Thirty judges recruited from local universities and schools spent a day awarding the blue, red and white ribbons to the 71 elementary and 130 junior high students. It wasn't easy. One incredulous father asked a judge, "I worked three weeks on that project with my son; how could it not have won a prize?" All students, even the one who confided in his report that it was "a bit plagiarish (SIC)"

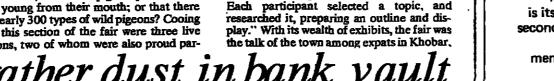
There were class as well as individual projects on the old childhood favorites like dinosaurs and volcanoes. Mrs. Gaw's and Mrs. Hadley's kindergarteners made windmills and sailboats to show wind movement. Strom's fifth grade class presented Pigeon Facts. Did you know that the carrier pigeon is now extinct; that both pigeon parents feed their young from their mouth; or that there are nearly 300 types of wild pigeons? Cooing over this section of the fair were three live pigeons, two of whom were also proud parents of a fledging, hatched the day before the fair began and shyly hiding in the cage out of eyesight of the curious onlookers. The pigeons obediently marched into their cage when the teacher clapped his hands, a trick more easily taught to pigeons than to boys

"When this fair is over," one students was heard to say, "I'm going to burn my project, throw it off the balcony, or just step on it." But once their wares were displayed, most students took pride in their projects as well as surprise at the ingenuity of their classmates.
"Now why didn't I think of that?" fussed a couple on seeing on Abqaiq student's award-winning experiment which studied the effect of candles' color on their burning time.

"Hands off the experiments" was the rule of the fair. The 7-year-old Christer Berggnist gazing at a pickled sand viper and a frog expertly dissected by Sharmanthi Fernando, compalined: "It's hard not to touch. It looks so interesting." When a little lass spied a col-lection of crystals against black velvet, she gasped, "Look, diamonds!" Another was intrigued by "The Plumbing System of a Flower," which showed how flowers can be dyed various colors.

"Don't eat the displays," joked a teacher as he led his class around a selection of mold gardens and several plates of cheeses in various degrees of spoilage. The ribbon winner decided to investigate the relations between the temperature at which cheese is kept and its spoilage. Gourmets take note of his conclusion that the best temperature for your heese is 40 degrees F or refrigerator temperature, and not the coldest possible temperature as the budding scientist had first hyp-

"The idea of the science fair germinated last spring" explained Bill Parks, master of ceremonies at the awards presentation, March 9. "Its purpose was to encourage students to develop their own creative ideas. Each participant selected a topic, and



who was arrested by the Nazis in 1943 and executed in Bosnia.

The bank obtained a court order to open the safe deposit coffer last November, after four decades of non-payment of rental fees for the vault. At that time, it was not even optimistic that the unknown contents of the coffer would cover the back charges owed on the Shlomovick account. But it did recognize treasure trove when the opened vault revealed undamaged works by Cezanne, Derain, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir, Rouault and Degas, along with a collection of illustrated books, photographs, and signed man-

After the sale at the prestigious Salle Drouot auction rooms, the Societe Generale will be reimbursed for its expenses, but the remainder of the fortune will be put into a blocked account — to be paid over to the French state after 30 years if no heir has presented a claim.

A preliminary assessment of the "buried treasure" indicates that the crown jewel may be Andre Derain's Cork oaks near collioure, ' ' which experts place as one of the works exhibited at the 1905 Paris salon at which a critic coined the term "fauves."

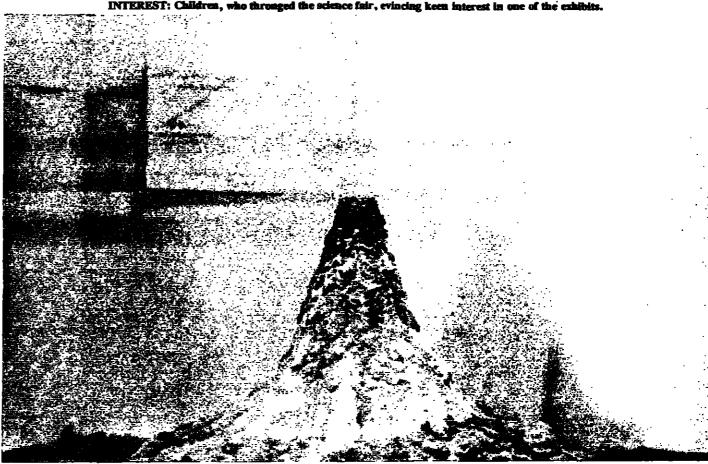
Other works likely to draw high bids include: Henri Matisse's Standing guitar player, dated 1903; a pablo Picasso penand-watercolor study of two nudes in front of a curtain, clearly attributable to the late stage of the artist's pink period and Paul Cezanne's 1861 Portrait of Zola. Also to be auctioned are engravings and lithographs by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Cezanne, Georges Rouault, Picasso and Edgar Degas. Most of the art treasures stem from the collection of

Ambroise Vollard, the editor and art-dealer. Vollard apparently became friendly with Eric Shlomovich in the late 1930 and introduced the young Yugoslav to the leading artists of the period. Thanks to these contacts Shlomovich built up an impressive collection, part of which was transferred to Belgrade.

When Ambroise Vollard died in an accident in 1939, Shlomovich hit on the idea of organizing a "collective homage" to the dealer. The contributions he received included unpublished work by such painters, sculptors, poets and architects as Chagall, Rouault, Maillol, Eluard and Le Corbusier.

Vollard's brother Lucien turned over some books and lithographs, and above all canvases which had been kept off the market -including the highly rated works by Derain and Matisse. But World War II broke out and Shlomovich left France - leaving the collection in the Societe Generale vault - to return to his homeland and his death.





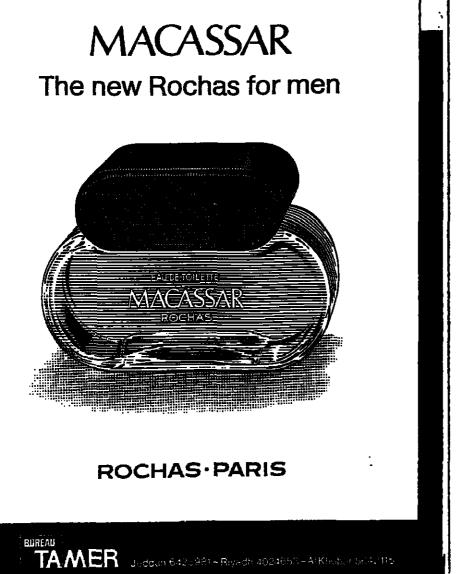
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Despite criticism

U.S. favors review of sea law treaty

UNITED NATIONS, March 17 (AP) -Under attack by many nations, the United States has stuck by its position that the seven-year-old U.N. conference on the law of the sea should give up the goal it set last year of completing a general sea law treaty at its current 10th session.

U.S. delegate Bernard Oxman told the conference steering committee Monday that his government could decide its next step only after a thorough review of the pending text and hoped to discuss with other delegations"the most appropriate time for the next session of the conference."

He said the United States had "no hidden agenda and no list of changes" and could make decisions only "after a thorough review of the text and its history, including part nine in particular" - which would require private corporations to share seabed mining with an international authority and subject their operations to regulation by the authority.

American boy scores

PRINCETON, New Jersey, March 17 (AP) - A high school junior who bested a punel of 16 college professors on a geometry question has forced the U.S. Educational Testing Service to correct the scores of 250,000 students who took a college board test

over masters

"It's kind of overwheming," said Daniel Lowen, a 17-year-old honors student in math and German at Cocoa Beach high school. "I didn't expect it to be such a big thing when I wrote in, I was just worried about my own score." Lowen was one of 1.3 million students who took the preliminary scholastic aptitude test (PSAT) in October. When Lowen received his results in late December, he noticed he had been marked wrong on a geometry problem involving two pyramids. "It never entered my mind that they had made a mistake." Lowen said Monday. But he sat down his father, an engineer. and the two became convinced the boy's original answer was correct. They wrote to ETS and found out they were right.

The question asked how many sides there would be in a figure made by tacking two pyramids, one with a three-sided base and one with a four-sided base. ETS said seven, but the Lowens argued for five.

The ETS said it would increase the scores of 250,000 other students who answered five instead of seven, but would not penalize those who chose seven. The PSAT is a warm-up for the scholastic aptitude test, a college extrance examination.

Conference President Tommy Koh of Singapore, from the chair, said the "group of 77" developing countries - currently numbering 121 - had told him that until the United States clarified its position on the treaty, that group would not negotiate with the United States on the protection the latter wants for any private investment in mineral exploration undertaken before the treaty goes into effect.

With one week of the session gone and the session set to last another five or six weeks. Koh proposed, and the committee agreed, that the conference should plan only two weeks ahead. He said if the United States could complete its review in those two weeks. negotiations might still be possible at the cur-

Koh also said the United States delegation should be pressed to stick to the objective the conference had set of finishing the treaty this session. "I am not prepared." he said, "to admit defeat until at least a later point of

But Alfonso Arias Schreiber of Peru said the U.S. review might take so long that the conference could not finish its work at the current session. Olara Otunnu of Uganda expressed "deep regret" at the United States decision to review the whole draft.

Paul Bamela Engo of Cameroon said: "We cannot afford to look like children playing games before the international public. Muhammed Haj Hamoud of Iraq appealed to the United States to work with other delegations to finish the treaty at the current ses-

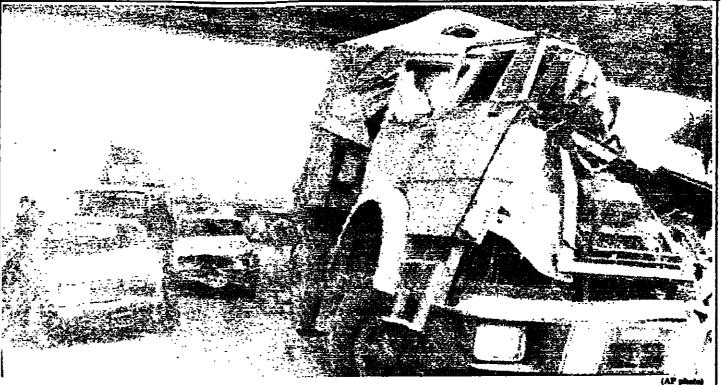
Transplant patient enters crucial period

STANFORD, California March 17 (AP) - Heart-lung transport patient Mary Gohlke is entering the most crucial period of her recovery when the body is most likely to reject its new organs. "She is just now getting to the point where the first signs of rejection would show up, about a week to 10 days after the transplant," said Laura Hoftedter, a Stanford University medical center spokesman

The heart and lungs of 15-year-old Robert Jones, who died in a bicycle-car accident. have kept Mrs. Gohlke alive since the operation March 9. Mrs. Gohlke, 45. a newspaper executive from Mesa, Arizona, has been listed in critical but stable condition since the

Her operation was the first heart-lung transplant performed in a decade. The patients in all three previous attempts died, the longest surviving 23 days.

The next three months are considered "the most critical" period, when the body's inmune system is most likely to fight new organs that it considers invaders, Hofstedter said. "The danger of rejection is never over,"



CHAIN COLLISION: Dozens of cars, trucks and buses lie piled up on a highway near the northern Italian town of Parma Thursday morning after a massive chain collision in the early morning fog. Three persons were killed and some 20 injured in the accident.

Namibians hope for turn in U.S. policy on Africa

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) - A delegation from a south African-backed group in Southwest Africa (Namibia) has said that "vibrations" from the administration of President Ronald Reagan lead it to believe that the United States may switch support from a black-led insurgent movement to its group. If so, it would mark a major turn in U.S. policy toward Africa and would risk the anger of black-led countries as well as the United Nations and most of the United States' European allies.

The State Department said the administration hasn't yet decided its policy toward mineral-rich Namibia. Spokesman William Dyess said the department tried to discourage the visit by the delegation at the present

But Dirk Mudge, the head of a government recognized only by South Africa which controls the territory, said at a news conference Monday that if the delegation waited, it would be too late to influence administration

In what he said was a hopeful sign of a changed policy, he quoted the State Department as saying in a recent letter that it wants to hear his group's views at a later date. He and other members of the delegation contended this is a change in itself after years of U.S. and international ostracism.

"They are prepared to talk to us at a later stage. That's extremely important," said Peter Kalangula, a black, who claimed the letter represented "a new position." A State Department official, who did not want to be identified, confirmed such a letter was sent, but didn't think it represented a significant change from U.S. policy. "However, I can't speak for any nuance they care to perceive in this," he said.

Black leaders in Africa, including the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO), the main black opposition group in Namibia, contend the Mudge government is a front for South African interests and is being used by them to delay Namibian independence and self-rule for its black popula-

SWAPO and South African military forces have been at war in the territory for 14 years. Mudge contended that without the support of Cuba, the Soviet Union and East Germany, SWAPO would have been "completely defeated long ago."

Meanwhile, a group of 132 Americans, including some of the nation's leading black leaders, sent a letter to President Reagan Monday urging him against a shift in Namibia previous U.S. administrations have supported U.N. policies aimed at ending South Africa's control.

Refugees flee Laos

BANGKOK, March 17 (AP) - The number of refugees fleeing Laos increased threefold in February compared with the January exodus from that country. The latest statistics of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) put the February figure at 4,823. In January, the number of Laotian refugees fleeing to Thailand was 1,416.

Altogether a total of 8,833 Indochinese including 4,010 Vietnamese boat people left their home countries in February. The January total was 7,263.

Uganda denies massacre report

KAMPALA, Uganda, March 17 (AP) -The Uganda government has denied a report in a pro-government newspaper that poorly trained militiamen went Berserk in the east Madi district of northeast Uganda and massacred several thousand Madi tribesmen.

Minister of State for Defense Peter Otai said Sunday that the story published last Wednesday in The Uganda Times was "wild and dangerous" and could "drown" the country in deeper troubles and hardships. Nyerere visits Japan

TOKYO, March 17 (Agencies) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere arrived here Tuesday on a one-week official visit to Japan. Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim and Finance Minister Amir Habib Jamal were among the five ministers accompanying Nyerere and his wife.

Nyerere is to visit Emperor Hirohito Wed. nesday at the Imperial Palace, and is scheduled for a meeting with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki later in the day. A discussion of economic relations between the two countries is expected to take the major part of their discussion.

Japan has maintained friendly relations with Tanzania since the latter became independent in 1961, and Japan's economic assistance has been steadily increasing.

President Nyerere and his party will visit. Osaka, Japan's second largest city, and the ancient capital cities of Nara and Kyoto, western Japan, during the weekend. The group will go to China, North Korea and India Sunday before returning home.

During his four-hour transit at Victoria Monday, the Tanzanian head of state conferred with Seychelles President France-Albert. Rene and called for the further development of bilateral relations at both party and state levels. Referring to a proposal to make the Indian Ocean a zone of peace, Nyerere said one way of discouraging big-power rivalry in the region was "not to allow (the major pow-ers any facilities in our waters or on our soil."

According to an editorial in the Tanzanian government newspaper Daily News, -- the four countries that Nyerere will visit "have special relations with Tanzania."

Actress asks U.S. Congress to help Third World children

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) --Actress Liv Ullmann has urged the U.S. Congress to increase U.S. contributions to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to freed sick and starving youngsters around the world.

"Misery is not faceless," she told a House of Representative Foreign Affairs Subcommittee Monday. "Misery is one little child crying because it hurts to be bungry." The actress, goodwill ambassador for the children's fund, said 30,000 children under the age of four die every day.

"I'm challenging you all as citizens of the world to make a commitment to yourself and the people you respresent to make every effort possible to provide the victims of the Third World with the opportunity to become people with a future," she said.

Miss Ullmann, who was born in Japan of Norwegian parents, said Sweden contributed \$35 million to UNICEF last year to America's \$34 million or \$4.90 per person for

Sweden and 16 cents person for the United

If the United States matched Sweden's \$4.90 per person, its contribution would have been \$900 million, she said. "This would revolutionize aid," she said. "And it would, do something else. Others would follow." .

Miss Ullmann testified at a hearing on President Ronald Reagan's proposal to cut the voluntary portion of U.S. contributions to international organizations to \$215 million, a \$33 million cut from former President Jimmy Carter's request.

Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson, testifying as chairman of the United Nations Association, a private group, called Reagan's proposed contributions"minninal."

He said U.S. efforts to achieve an East-West nuclear balance are "only half a policy," suggesting the United States should concentrate more on development of Third World countries.

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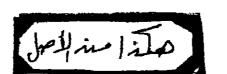
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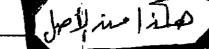
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nians sue U.S. for \$450m

sople of the Pacific island of Bikini atoli, moved from their homeland by the U.S. avy 35 years ago to allow them to conduct omic weapons tests, sued the United States londay for destroying their island.

The \$450 million class action suit filed in e U.S. court of claims is on behalf of the 167 tives, removed from the island in 1947 ider the guns of the U.S. Navy, and their scendants.

The suit is similar to others in which merican Indians have won huge settlements cently for lands seized in the country's estward expansion. Attorneys for the Bikiians said they hope to benefit from the idian precedents.

But unlike the Indian lands, Bikini was not part of the United States at the time its atives were removed and the land rendered minhabitable. A League of Nations trust terstory of Japan, it had been taken from the manese in World War II and was under U.S. illitary rule at the time. It later became a Inited Nations trust under American dministration

Most of the Bikinians, who now number MX missile deployment

U.S. sets up study panel

For security reasons.

Bulawayo civic poll put off

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) - U.S. defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger nnounced Monday formation of a 15tember panel of "distinguished citizens" to sarch for a plan to deploy the new MX pobile intercontinental missile in a way that ill satisfy environmentalists and national

Weinberger asked the group, including idustrialists, retired and active senior officrs, former defense officials and other f (xperts, to complete their study of MX basing ptions by July 1.

"The group will advise the Secretary of per less as to which basing mode seems to be the best for our defense needs," the statesent said. Although the Pentagon did not rention the environmental aspect of the roblem. Weinberger has indicated clearly he ould like to find a basing plan which would void possible prolonged court battles by nvironmentalists fighting the current Air orce intention to spread 200 MX missiles mong 4,600 shelters in the deserts of levada and Utah.

The defense secretary says he believes that uch court battles might seriously delay eployment of the MX missile, which he says sessential because of the growing vulnerabily of the present force of 1,000 U.S. finuteman ICBMS in fixed underground

Foreshadowing the appointment of the anel. Weinberger said last week that "what e're looking for is a better method of basing

SALISBURY, March 17 (AFP) - Munic-

pal elections planned for later this month in

the southern city of Bulawayo have been postponed indefinitely because of the sec-

urity situation in the area. Local Government

He said the city council elections scheduled

for March 28 and 29 had been called off secause it was known that many former guerillas loyal to minority Patriotic Front (PF)

party leader Joshua Nkomo had defied gov-

rnment orders to surrender their weapons ind had buried or hidden them. Bulawayo

vas the scene of bitter armed clashes last

nonth between rival guerrilla factions which eft more than 300 people dead and several

The government ordered the disarming of

ill former guerrillas in the wake of the clashes

aut the exercise has proved difficult because

of resistance among the pro-Nkomo men.

vobgo said he had been advised by the

e taking "a grave risk" if he allowed the

ninisters of defense, and home that he would

Bulawayo elections to be held.

undred injured.

Minister Eddison Zvobgo said Tuesday.

about 1,080 live on the tiny island of Kili, in the Pacific Ocean about 400 miles (6,43 kms) southeast of Bikini, part of the Micronesia Trust, which is expected to gain its independence soon

The Bikinians say that after years of trying unsuccessfully to gain recompense for their loss, they turned to the courts in hopes of settlement before the United States relinquishes all authority over the islands.

"On Sunday, Feb. 10, 1946, the American military governor of the Marshall Islands, Commodore Ben Wyatt, flew by seaplane to Bikini, and at the conclusion of their church services, told the Bikinians that they must leave their homes so the United States could test nuclear weapons," the suit states.

"The Bikinians did not wish to leave their atoll, but in view of the United States' defeat of Japan and Commodore Wyatt's description of nuclear weapons, they believed themselves powerless to resist the Unites States," the Bikinians said.

Also, they were told that when the tests were over and their islands were no longer needed, they could return to their homes, the suit says. So, on March 7, 1946, the Navy

this new and strong missile." Weinberger

said, "We will look at the sea-based option.

We will look at a number of land-based

35 basing schemes before deciding on the

Nevada-Utah deployment idea. Some of the

studies were done by "think tank" groups, as

Stewart Udall said Monday in Reno, Nevada,

that the U.S. government has not been honest

with the states of Nevada and Utah about the

effects of the proposed MX missile system

and the lack of candor is reminiscent of nuc-

lear weapons testing there two decades ago.

and Utah died or became ill with cancer and

other diseases as a result of above-ground

weapons testing in the 1950s and early 1960s,

He said he does not believe the air force

has presented accurately the missile system's

cost or huge demands on sparse water reserves. Udall, who headed the Interior

Department in the John F. Kennedy and

Lyndon B. Johnson administrations, is an

environmentalist and practises law in

"I think the MX program is hare-brained," Udall said. "They may literally have to take all the water that's currently available for

livestock and cattle grazing" for the MX, he

weapons in the hands of the pro-Nkomo

guerrillas have disappeared and had not been

ing program. "These are known to be hidden

for me to proceed with the elections in Bulawayo — and that if I did and one or two of the candidates were shot or killed I would

have to accept the responsibility for proceeding in the face of informed advice by the

ministers whose responsibility is to maintain

However, the municipal elections in Salis-

bury this month would go ahead as planned,

Zvobgo said. A spokesman for Nkomo's PF party has meanwhile appealed to Bulawayo

people to remain calm in the wake of the

The spokesman denied there was a risk of

violence, claiming that the delay was

designed to give the ruling ZANUPF (Zim-

babwe African National Union-Patriotic

Front) party of Prime Minister Robert

Mugabe more time to "gain more political

Belizean land and territorial waters, a sec-

urity treaty to counter subversion and other

The accord declaring an "honorable and

final" end to the British-Guatemalan dispute

clears the way for Britain's last colony on

American continental soil to move toward full independence within its existing frontiers

It also removes a long-smoldering flash-

point of possible conflict from the central

American setting where East-West tensions

over El Salvador and Nicaragua have heigh-

tened. Main terms of the outline agreement

between British, Guatemalan and Belizean

ministers were signed in London March 11.

and Guatemala shall sign a treaty of coopera-

tion in matters of security of mutual concern

and neither shall permit its territory to be

used to support subversion against the

The military rulers of Guatemala have long

argued that the Belizean government would

allow, or alternatively could not prevent, its

territory to be used by hostile guerrilla movements backed by Cubans and other

radicals. The prospective security treaty was

designed to counter any such prospect.

A clause in the agreement says: "Belize

claim to Belize

"I am satisfied that it would be foolhardy

handed to the authorities under the

in and around Bulawayo," he said.

the peace," he said.

decision to halt the elections.

popularity" in Bulawayo.

this year.

Udall said, it reassured these people.

"Many civilians in little towns" in Nevada

Meanwhile, former Interior Secretary

well as by in-house Pentagon specialists.

The Carter administration studied about

unacceptable levels of radioactivity. The Bikinians were removed once again to Kili, where most of them remain. The government now says it will be anywhere from 20 to 60 years before Bikini will be habitable.

moved the Bikinians to Rogerik atoll, about

150 mile (241 kms) east of Bikini, and left

"Two months after the move to Rogerik,

them with enough food to last two weeks.

the Bikinians asked the Navy for permission

to return home," the suit says. "Their request

was denied. Severe food shortages then

occurred, eventually reducing the people to

near starvation." In 1948, the Bikinians were

housed briefly in tents on Kwajalein atoll,

then moved in September to Kili, which they

Serious food shortages occurred on their

island in 1949, 1950, 1952, 1958, 1960 and

1968-69. "The situation in 1952 was so

severe that it was necessary to air drop food

to the island" the lawsuit says. "This was

done without the aid of parachutes, and most

of the food was smashed and rendered ined-

Meanwhile, the United States exploded 23

nuclear devices on Bikini between 1946 and

1958. In 1968 the government declared the

atoli safe for human habitation and the Biki-

nians were allowed to return to their homes.

But after a lawsuit forced new tests, the

island, its food and water were found to have

also didn't like.

The suit seeks \$150 million for taking the atoll from its inhabitants, in the first place. another \$150 million for taking the atoll a second time without just compensation and a third \$150 million in damages for failing to care properly for the displaced people over the past 35 years.

Congress has set up a trust fund for the Bikinians, which provides roughly \$40 per person per month. And another act provided a one-time grant of \$1.4 million

HAVANA, March 17 (R) — The Cuban government has accused a Portuguese diplomat in Havana of helping to organize a takeover of the Ecuadorean Embassy by would-be Cuban exiles last month. A Cuban note, distributed to members of the diploma-



ROCKETS READIED: At the Soviet spacecraft launching site of Baikonur rockets are being readied for lannching the Soyuz T-4 with two cosmonauts into orbit Thursday. The spaceship docked late Friday with the orbiting Salyut-6 space station.

Pentagon lining up 50,000 beds in hospitals

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) - The U.S. Defense Department is urging the nation's civilian hospitals to set aside about 50,000 beds to help care for heavy casualties that would be expected early in a major war.

Officials emphasized this effort is in no way prompted by any current tensions, but is part of prudent, long-term; planning "to build; a wartime system on foundations existing in peacetime.

Help from civilian hospitals, especially in the first month of a major war, would be vital because the anticipated casualties likely would swamp military and veterans administration hospitals in the United States, officials said.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has signed an appeal for aid from civilian hospitals and the program, in the planning stage for about five years, has the backing of the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association.

"Because of technical advances in weaponry on the battlefield, we are now faced with the possibility of substantially high numbers of casualties in a very short period of time," Weinberger said.

"In addition, we will not have the past luxury of time to build and mobilize the necessary military medical support base here in the United States for casualties returning from a large-scale war fought in another part of the

world," the defense secretary said. So far, officials developing the civilianmilitary contingency hospital system report they have won voluntary agreements

Portuguese of aiding in embassy takeover Luba accuses

tic corps and foreign press Monday night, said Portugal's charge d'affaires Francisco de Sales Mascarenhas had "oriented, aided and participated in the planning.'

It also said "state security has been able to

prove the close ties between the Portuguese diplomat and an official of the CIA." There was no immediate reaction from the Portuguese mission to the charges. Twenty-nine Cubans demanding political asylum and safe conduct out of the country seized the Ecuadorean Embassy last month. They were arrested after eight days when security forces entered the building.

The Cuban government said it had "arrived at the conclusion that the CIA

organized this provocation to affect relations between Cuba and Ecuador." It alleged that the diplomat, who has not been declared persona a non grata, "knew beforehand the specific plan for the assault on the Ecuadorean Embassy including the identity of various participants' and gave them information about its interior.

After the the arrest of the group last

Cuban security forces of having dislodged them without its permission. The Cuban government insisted that it had received permission from Ecuadorean diplomats in Havana. Acting Foreign Minister Richardo Alarcon told a news conference Monday night that consultations had been "in process" between Quito and Havana and that relations between

Cuba and Ecuador have been "traditionally

very cordial." He said he would fly to Quito

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Zvobgo said he had been told that "lots" of Guatemala drops

LONDON, March 17 (AP) - Guatemala as dropped 19th century claims to neighbor-ng Belize and will recognize its coming indeendence under a three-country deal pubished Monday. In return, Britain has promed Guatemala rights of access through

Berliner shot at wall

BERLIN, March 17 (AFP) - A middleed man attempting to scale the Berlin Wall om west to east was shot Monday by East erman border guards, police in West Berlin ported. The man, who attempted to cross ie wall from the West Berlin Reinickendorf eighborhood in the French sector of the city, as carried into East Berlin after being shot. Eyewitnesses said they could not tell bether the man was still alive. German borer guards first fired warning shots, then the an collapsed after two more shots blasted

The commander of the French sector of erlin, joined by the commanders of the merican and British sectors, protested "this ew recourse to force in contempt of the lives f individuals" and called on East German athorities "to put an end to these inhuman

Praser fears Soviet bombers may destroy cities

CANBERRA, March 17 (AFP) - Soviet ickfire bombers based in Vietnam could estroy Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne by leasing independently targeted nuclear standoff bombs, according to Australian rime Minister Malcolm Fraser. Fraser's mment was a response to journalists' quesons about Australian press reports that the ombers, the equivalent of American B-52s, ere based at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam. An assessment of Australia's new tactical thter force would take into account the sviet bombers, Fraser said. These planes suld pass over New South Wales and Vic-

toria and return to their home base with one in-flight refueling, he added. "I have always believed that the Soviet Union would use bases in Vietnam. This is one of the consequences of American defeat in Vietnam," Fraser said.

There has been much controversy in Australia about the government decision to allow American B-52s to refuel at Darwin. Defense Minister Jim Killen said it was "fanciful" to suggest that Australia was being set up as a nuclear target. The agreement about the B-52s was based on the understanding that the planes would not be armed, he said.

Libya plans complete takeover of economy

mar Qaddafi's government in Libya has announced plans to complete the state's takeover of the economy by the end of this year by shutting down all private stores that haven't already been closed.

In another radical economic move, the government in the past month has barred Libyans from withdrawing more than 500 dinars. \$1,500 in cash from their bank accounts in a single month.

The secretary of the General People's Committee, Muhammad Zaroug Rajab, who serves as a premier, said that Libya will carry out 'the abolition of private commerce in 1981' the official Libyan news agency Jana reported Sunday,

Qaddafi proclaimed four years ago that people's control would eventually reign throughout the economy. Since then, the government has nationalized foreign trade putting hundreds of wealthy import-export firms out of business — and completed the takeover of all factories and other heavy

Qaddafi opposes private property, saying it " robs men of their freedom and independence'. His government is building multistory glass and steel supermarkets to replace the small grocery and cloth shops.

About half the shops seem to have closed lready here. Western diplomats and businessmen say the government forces the shops to close by refusing to deliver fresh People's Committee, a sort of cabinet, that the government 'has conferred on the workers of the popular committees of the economy, of companies and enterprises responsibilities and heavy tasks at the head of which is the abolition of private commerce in

Stores selling textiles, shoes, household appliances or spare parts for cars must close by March 28, 1981. Butcher shops will be shut down by April 30, and grocery stores by Dec.21, Jana said.

Rajab said the abolition of commerce will be accomplished without any hesitation because this action will be accompanied by the promotion of new popular committees of the economy.'

Under Qaddafi's plan, each supermarket or factory is run by a 'popular committee' made up of all the employees of the enter-

Qaddaff's handling of the economy has had mixed results since he seized power in a bloodless coup in 1969. He used Libya's oil revenues estimated at \$20 billion this year to build schools and hospitals to guarantee Libya's three million citizens cradle-to-grave health care and schooling paid by the gov-

But he has provoked the wrath of Libya's wealthy merchant class, which has lost its source of income because of his radical economic measures. Some of these people have left Libya and organized anti-Qaddafi groups abroad, and several have been murdered by Qaddafi supporters in hit-and-run attacks in Western Europe.

Despite tensions

Trade between Germanys touches new high

LEIPZIG, East Germany, March 17 (AP) - Despite tensions between their superpower allies, communist East Germany and its capitalist West German neighbor appear determined to increase contacts and trade, which has blossomed to record levels.

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"We are like Siamese twins that bate one another," said a West German banker attending the Leipzig trade fair, showcase of East-West commerce. "We can't always along, but we can't live without each other either." Nowhere are the contacts between Germans from 4East and West so intense or extensive as in this city of 564,000, where every year bankers, businessmen and dip-

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lomats gather to show their wares. East Germany boasts some 4,200 exhibits, nearly half of those displayed by firms from 66 countries. The West Germans have 807 firms present, the largest contingent from the West. Other major Western exhibitors, include the Italians with some 110 exhibits, the Japanese with 100 and the Swedes with

Despite the post-war division of East and West Germany, trade between the two nations has exploded in recent years, said Horst Hotter, spokesman for the West German Ministry of Inner-German Relations.

Most of the trade has been in chemicals.

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steel products, raw materials, textiles and high-quality consumer goods. According to figures released last week by the West German Finance Ministry, the total volume of exports and imports between the two German states jumped 18.7 per cent in 1980 to 1.8 billion marks (\$900 million), compared

S.Africa 'given

North Sea oil

Africa a stake in North Sea oil,

LONDON, March 17 (AP) - A group

that opposes South Africa's apartheid

racial separation policy accused the Brit-

ish government Monday of giving South

A report by the London-based Anti-

Apartheid Movement said companies

controlled by South Africa were included

in two consortiums awarded licenses since

last March to operate in the North Sea.

March, included Charter Consolidated,

the British arm of the huge South African

mining conglomerate. Anglo American,

the report claimed. It said the consortium

also included state-controlled firms from

Norway, Sweden and Holland, which all support a United Nations embargo against

Another consortium, granted a license

last December, includes Union Oil Ltd.,

which is ultimately owned by Federale

Mynbou, an Afrikaaner-controlled min-

ing house, the report claimed. The report

said South African-controlled companies

are involved in a total of six consortiums

awarded North Sea licenses since the early

"The British Conservative government,

by granting these licenses...is allowing

South African interests to gain a stake in

the North Sea, with the clear prospect that

this will lead, either immediately or in the

future, to the flow of North Sea oil to South

Africa," the report claimed.

South Africa because of apartheid.

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with a 12 per cent growth in 1979. Officials said, however, that steep increases in the price of oil delivered to West Berlin by the East Germans and inflation

contributed to the rise. Although the East Germans insist the two Germanys are separate nations, the West German government hopes for reunification. Hotter said that because of the West Ger-

man policy, trade with East Germany is looked upon as internal and no duties are charged. West Germany has annually extended 850 million marks (\$25 million) in interest-free loans to enable the eastern state to purchase Western products.

Over the years, business has usually been heavily in favor of West Germany, which received massive reconstruction assistance from the United States, Much of the primarily agricultural Soviet occupation zone, which became the German Democratic Republic in 1949, was stripped by the Soviets for repara-

East Germany ranks itself as the world's ern European nation to register economic growth last year — about four per cent. Because the East Germans have almost no raw materials, they must scramble for hard currency. West Germany has developed into East Germany's busiest trading partner in the West. Both Germans seem pleased with the

During his traditional visit to the fair grounds on Sunday's opening day, Communist Party chief Honecker visited with top officials of the West German-owned Salzgitter

Work program

ESCAP group pledges \$18 m

BANGKOK, March 17 (AP) - Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) have pledged a total of \$18 million for the funding of the organization's work program and two affiliated training institutions for 1981.

The pledges, regarded as tentative, were completed Monday, the seventh day of the regional U.N. body's annual session here. Some 40 countries, mostly from Asia and the Pacific, are attending. The Netherlands was the biggest contributor, pledging the equivalent of \$6.5 million of which \$4.5 million was earmarked for development of the Mekong River basin.

Japan followed with \$4.3 million which included over \$500,000 to help fund the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, to be based on Tokyo. Japan is also making export services, worth a total of \$1.7 million available for the institute and the ESCAP regular work program.

The work program covers a broad range of rural development projects in its developing member countries, including information gathering and manpower development. West Germany pledged \$1 million were Australia

U.S. against UNCTAD conference in Cuba

GENEVA, March 17 (AP) - The United States told the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development Monday it would not attend the next full UNCTAD conference if it were to take place in Cuba. The Cuban government has issued an invitation for "UNCTAD VI" to be held in Havana in 1983. Cuba has made the only formal proposal for a conference site so far. The United States would prefer Geneva.

The organization, which serves as a forum for the economic aspirations of the developing countries, began with UNCTAD I in Geneva, with later meetings in New Delhi, Santiago, Nairobi and Manila.

Addressing the current session of the UNCTAD board, U.S. delegate Gerald B. Helman did not explain Washington's stance. But he told the board that "UNCTAD cannot expect to be isolated from the larger concerns that trouble the Caribbean area and the world."

Foreign Exchange Rates								
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday								
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer					
Bahraini Dinar	_	8.50	8.91					
Belgian Franc (1,000)	98.00	112.00						
Canadian Dollar	2.81	_	_i					
Deutche Mark (100)	160.00	161.25	160.30					
Dutch Guilder (100)	145.00	145.00	145.90					
Egyptian Pound	_	4.10	4.35					
Emirates Dirham (100)	_	91.30	91.40					
French Franc (100)	68.00	68.50	68.50					
Greek Drachma (1,000)	_	66.50	67.00					
Indian Rupee (100)	. —	_	40.90					
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Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.70	33,70					
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20		16.45					
Jordanian Dinar		10.53	10.52					
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.26	12.26					
Lebanese Lira (100)	_	84.25	83.40					
Moroccan Dirham (100)		72.00	71.50					
Pakistani Rupee (100)	_		34.00					
Philippines Peso (100)	· —	_	44.00					
Pound Sterling	7. 5 0	7.58	7.58					
Qatari Riyal (100)		92.00	92.20					
Singapore Dollar (100)	_	_	160.30					
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	_	-	40.00					
Swiss Franc (100)	176.00	178.25	178.00					
Syrian Lira (100)	_	55 <i>.</i> 55	86.20					
Turkish Lira (1,000)	_	_	-1					
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.353					
Yemeni Riyal (100)	_	73.45	73.45					
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(\$ 1.3 million) and Sweden (\$1.1 million).

The United States, which already contributes 25 per cent of the U.N. working budget and 17 per cent of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) budget, did not contribute. Britain, likewise does not contribute a large amount to ESCAP's work program since it also finances a large share of the UNDP, from which ESCAP draws its administrative funds.

The Soviet Union, in lieu of cash, pledged facilities and scholarships for study in the USSR, and use of two reasearch vessels for offshore prospecting. The Netherlands delegate in an open committee session Monday said that the Mekong committee, set up in 1957 to facilitate development of the Mekong River's vast potential, should be recognized as a stabilizing factor in southeast Asia's turbulent political situation.

More U.S. bank lower prime rati

NEW YORK, March 17 (R) - Two n major U.S. banks lowered their prime is ing rate by half a point to 17.5 per cent a indications that interest rates could cont to decline.

The banks, Chase Manhattan, the co try's third largest, and First National Ban Chicago, the ninth largest, matched the per cent rate set Friday by Chemical Ba

Other large banks also are expected lower their prime rate, the interest by charge on loans to their best corporate tomers. Prime lending rates, which reach peak of 21.5 per cent in December, expected to fall further shortly as inflatio pressures continue to ease, industry ana said.

Economists say they believe the econ will slow in the next few months, and s think a recession is likely.

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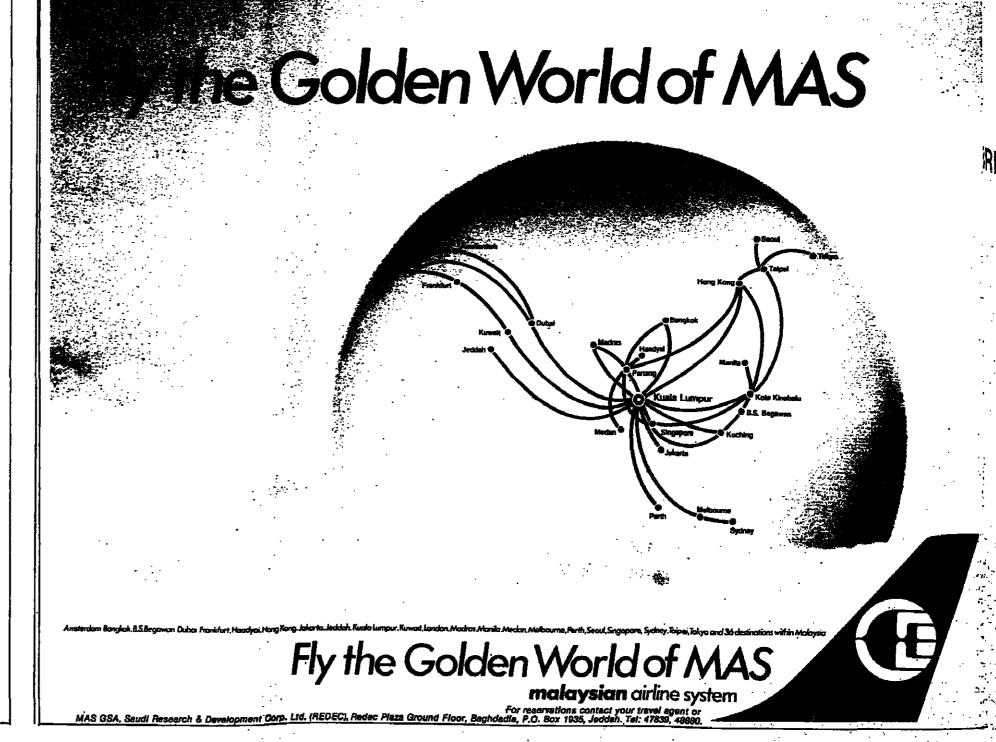
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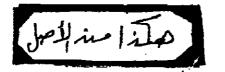
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hatcher's budget approved

NDON, March 17 (AP) — The House mmons approved Prime Minister Mar-Thatcher's harsh new budget Monday despite a revolt by some 30 Conservalembers who voted against or abstained the defection of one who quit the party to st the budget package.

e budget, which increases taxes and zes more money out of Britain's deeply led economy, was passed after the governt avoided defeat on the most unpoputasure, higher gasoline taxes, by only 14. In a series of late-night votes on the sals, Mrs. Thatcher's normally comble majority fluctuated wildy from 100 arrow margin of 14 on the gas tax sal.

liamentarians voted 325-270 on the

forld trade agriculture ts record

ME, March 17 (AP) — World trade in lture set a record of about \$262 billion 9, the Food and Agriculture Organization the United Nations (FAO) has said. FAO Commodity Review and Outlook 81, a yearly analysis of world agricultrade, including fisheries and forestry, he two years have been a period of ibility' with highly volatile prices for commodities and a weakened demand gricultural products, especially of raw

s volatility was caused by changes in mer demands, the global economic ion, the weather, protectionism, internal instability, and speculation, the waid. In a foreword of the review, the more general of FAO, Edouard Saouma, ie is concerned about the worsening of erms of trade of some of the major arts of developing countries.

1 years ago the export proceeds from 2 of tea could finance the import of 17 2 of fertilizer." Saouma said. "Today it 2 overs the cost of eight tons of imported 2 or and tea prices are continuing to fall 3 it terms."

e review said the 1979 trade record repted a 13 per cent increase over 1978 and our times the 1970 level, with further ases likely in 1980 and 1981. Even so, icrease was below average for the past le and was more apparent than real ise of inflation. The share of agriculture add trade as a whole continued to diminiferent part of the part of

the same time, the purchasing power of illural export earnings by developing paries remained at the 1978 level as a like of inflation, which threatened a "seri-terosion" of purchasing power in 1980 1981, the review said.

hile the export earnings of developed tries rose by 17 per cent in 1979, the w said, those of the developing countries ased at only half that rate and their purng power as regards imported manufacfell by an average of six per cent comit with 1978. The volume of the agriculexports of these countries rose by only r cent — little more than a third of the ase realized by the developed exporting tries.

reenlanders to vote EEC membership

IUK. Greenland, March 17 (AP) — nland's home rule government won full mentary backing on Monday for a indum next February on Greenland's vership in the European Economic nunity (EEC).

renland is a territory of Denmark and i the EEC with the mother country in Greenland won home rule three years nowever, and Denmark has pledged to the island's wishes on EEC member-

BRIEFS

HENS, (AFP) — A new process for cing electric power from animal excres announced by the Agronomy Associof Macedonia and Thrace. The excresheated to 35 degress centigrade, and icro-organisms multiply, producing a mprising methane, nitrogen and other ments.

NDON, (AFP) — British industrial fell 1.3 per cent in January following r cent in December, making 11.5 per r the 12 months, the Central Statistics said. Britian's industrial output is now lowest level in nine years.

FAWA, (AFP) — A boycott of tyres by the French Michelin subsidiary in a has been called by the Canadian Congress, which covers most unions he decisions follow. 10 years of fruit-tempts to get union representation in the Michelin plants, which are all in

scotia. US, (AFP) — France had a 3,900 milnc (\$780 million) trade deficit in Febagainst 8,400 million francs (\$1,700 1) in January, the economy ministry has leasonally-adjusted figures showed a of 3,600 million francs (\$720 million). IROBI, (AFP) — Japan has granted 4,000,000-shilling (\$500,000) facility duce Kenya's government-toiment debt owed it Japan, the Kenya gency has reported. Under the agreesigned here Monday, the interest on from Japan will be reduced by 3.5 per

ME, (AFP) — Olivetti Internatinal, f the Olivetti group, is going to take majority participation in the Swiss firm is Precisa international S.A., it was need. Hermes Meyer said the agreewill permit the firms "to make a positive market" in the development of technology and to increase their line of its.

formal motion to put the budget into effect. Floor managers said that in the narrowest of the series of budget votes, eight of the 336 Conservative parliamentarians voted against Mrs. Thatcher and between 18 and 25 abstained. Exact tallies were not available immediately after the votes. Labor holds 255 seats in the 635-seat House of Commons.

Other members represent minority parties. Earlier, Conservative legislator Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler rose from the government benches, in the first such action since 1906, and took six steps across the floor of the House of Commons to join legislators who broke away from the Labor Party over its left-wing policies. The legislators are expected to announce formation of a social democrat party.

The budget announced last week, which imposes sharply increased taxes, sparked the biggest row yet within the administration over Mrs. Thatcher's attempts to press her controversial tight-money policies in the faces of the nation's worst recession in 50 years. Some analysts predicted that up to 20 Conservative parliamentarians would vote against the government on its paritcularly

unpopular increased gasoline duties.

But after vigorous rallying, government floor managers expressed confidence that only about four Tories would break ranks on the final vote scheduled at 10 p.m. (2200 GMT). Brocklebank-Fowler, a leftwinger in Tory terms who represents economically-depressed northwest Norfolk, attacked

doubting ministers for failing to resign,
The defection was seen as a significant gain
for the 21 Social Democrat parliamentarians
— 12 members of the Commons and and nine from
the House of Lords — who quit the opposition Labor Party last month. They formed the
Council of Social Democracy and are due to
establish Britain's first social democrat party
within weeks.

Brocklebank-Fowler told a news conference he informed Mrs. Thatcher of his decision in a brief letter Monday morning and received "an equally brief" reply. Mrs. Thatcher retains a still comfortable 39-seat overall majority in the Commons, where the Conservatives hold 337 seats and the Labor has 255.

In a defensive speech, Employment Secretary Jim Prior — known to be among ministers dubbed "wets" because they are worried that Mrs. Thatcher is going too far — told the Commons: "A popular and easy choice was never open to us."

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Earlier, Mrs. Thatcher told the house she has ordered an inquiry into extensive leaks to two Sunday newspapers of the budget — traditionally known only to the prime minister and the chancellor of the exchequer — three days before it was announced March 10.

In the uproar which followed Chancellor Sir Geoffrey Howe's budget speech, some half dozen senior Tory ministers complained privately they should have been consulted, and Mrs. Thatcher's aides let it be known she feared leaks from some of her own ministers.

Kuwait signs tie-up pact with France

KUWAIT, March 17 (AP) — A leading Kuwaiti investment company and a French concern have signed an agreement for setting up a \$27 million joint venture, it was announced here.

The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) signed with Brgm, a French state-owned company, to set up a joint investment venture to be called "Compagnie Internationale de Development Minier," which will operate in the field of mining, the Kuwaiti company said Monday.

The planned company is to be based in Paris, it said. In addition to its own investment, the planned company is to promote joint investment in mining by other Arab and French investors. The new company was to be owned equally by the two partners, the Kuwaiti company added in a press release.

Australia, Bahrain to boost trade ties

BAHRAIN, March 17 (R) Australian Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony has agreed with Bahrain's trade and Agriculture Minister Habib Kassem to boost trade between their countries, officials said.

Anthony, who is also Australia's trade and resources minister, promised assistance to Bahrain in the field of agriculture and fishing.

Farm products

EEC split over price hike

BRUSSELS, March 17 (AFP) — European Economic Community (EEC) countries were split over proposed agricultural price increases averaging 7.8 per cent for the next harvest year.

While Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany accepted the proposals, the rest of EEC countries, notably France, deemed them insufficient, EEC agriculture ministers are supposed to make the final decision late this month on the package proposed by the Common Market Commission.

The French minister, Pierre Mehaignerie, stressed that it was necessary to remove the cost to EEC farm policy caused for political reasons by the community's relations with third countries (for example, the imports of New Zealand butter under preferential

France, West Germany, Belgium and Ireland have strongly opposed the milk tax, suggested by the commission as a way of compating surpluses.

Meanwhile, economy and finance ministers postponed until Monday their debate on the effect the farm measures on the EEC

However, they reaffirmed their will to end the current interest rate wars and to get the U.S. to lower its high bank rates. French Economy Minister Rene Monory, who recently visited the U.S., said he has noted that U.S. monetary authorities are open to the dialogue on the subject.

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He said all the EEC countries should take part in the talks to persuade the U.S. to cut its

interest rates. The U.S. rates, which have declined recently, have contributed to the rise of the dollar and disorder among some West European currency exchange rates. Among other aspects, the highly valued U.S. dollar has meant higher oil bills for some countries.

The Bundesbank was forced to raise its bank rates to stem the outflow of capital from West Germany as well as the deutsche mark's decline in value. The fuctuations of the mark have badly shaken the European

Italy braces up to face fresh wave of strikes

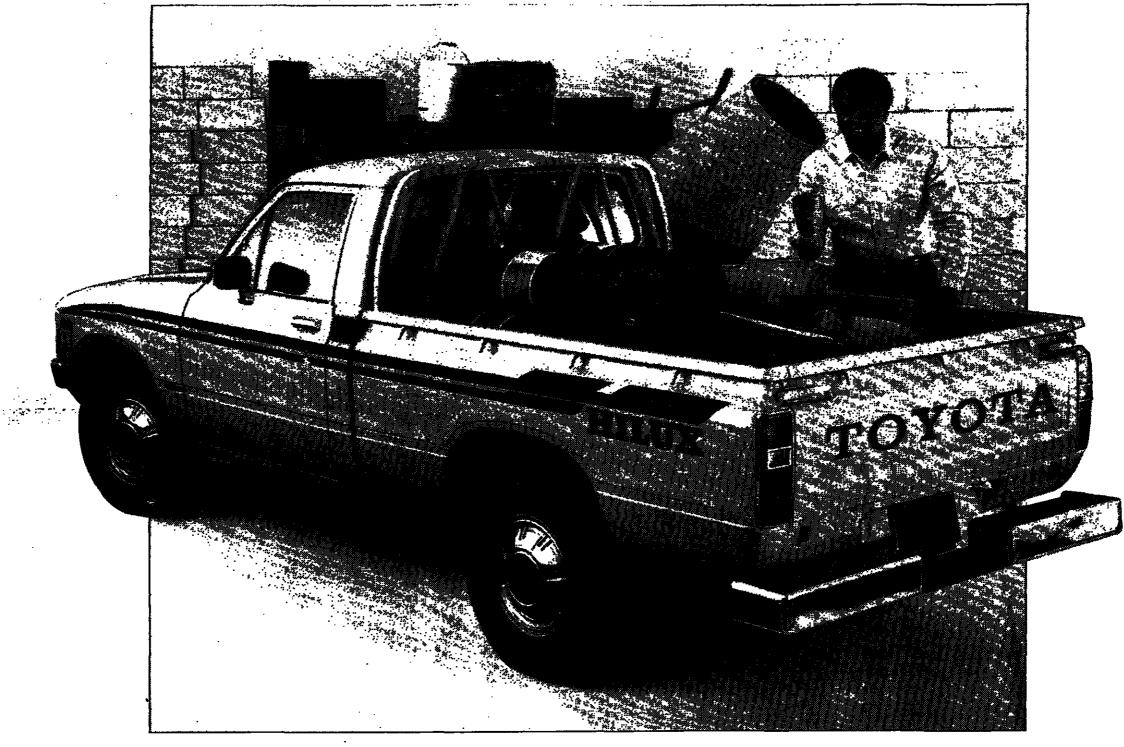
MILAN, March 17 (AP) — Italians braced for a new wave of strikes in key health and transport sectors this week.

Strikes called by unions of the National Confederation and by autonomous unions twice disrupted public transportation service nationwide earlier this month, while 50,000 doctors in state-run hospital struck recently

for seven days.

Monday, doctors called wildcat stoppages in specialist divisions such as tests and radiology, while anaesthetists and surgeons were scheduled to stop routine operations Thursday and Friday. Doctors are demanding pay increases of five million lira (\$5,000) a year.

A wildcat strike also halted ferry boat service in the lagoon city of Venice Monday. In major cities, street-cars and buses will be hit by stoppages Wednesday and Friday.



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HOUSTON, March 17 - Mike Mitchell of the Cleveland | Cavaliers scored 31 points. including a 12-foot jump shot with two seconds to play, to give the Cavaliers a 112-110 overtime victory Saturday over the Atlanta Hawks. The Cavaliers' victory snapped their nine-game losing streak. The Hawks led 76-72 going into the final period, but the Cavaliers scored 18 of the next 22 points to open a 10-point lead.

The Detroit Pistons took on the Indiana Pacers the same night and came away with a 101-94 victory. Kent Benson scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Pistons. The game was decided in the final three minutes when Detroit's defense held Indiana scoreless while the Pistons ran off 12 straight

Center Swen Nater scored 12 points in the third quarter to lead the San Diego Clippers to their first victory ever over the San Antonio Spurs, a come-from-behind 126-118 triumph.

The Houston Rockets completed a home stretch by winning their last three consecutive

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SWEEP: Hochtief's Afaq Ahmed all set to sweep the ball in their match against

tory over Hochtief, scoring a massive 237

In Alireza Cricket League

Red Sea maintains unbeaten sequence

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 17 - Red Sea kept their unbeaten record and maintained lead at the top of the Alireza Cricket League Friday. with a convincing win over Yellow Rose.

Red Sea appeared to be in trouble when their opening batsmen fell with only eight runs on the scoreboard, Assad doing the damage. Pevaiz could manage only three runs. and Red Sea looked in desperate straits when too other batsmen too fell easily. However, they decided to move Zahid, who has had several sound innings this season, from 9 spot to No. 6 and his powerful innings of 57, helped his side to a total of 152. Assad

Shalimar had a comfortable 124-runs vic-

finished with 3 for 34, Shahid and Khan took two wickets each for 24 and 23 respectively. Rose started confidently, and Amjad and Shahid put on 34 runs for the first wicket. before Nadeem struck and started a steady stream of batsmen back to the pavilion. He finished with 5 for 34, recording the second hat-trick of the league, while Khalil claimed five for 32 to rout Rose for a meagre 79 in only 18 overs.

This now leaves Red Sea on 48 points from 12 matches, eight points clear of Shalimar who also won, Friday, to keep themselves in contention. This Friday, March 19, will see the important clash between these two teams, in what could be the seasons top league runs for the loss of only four wickets, while bowling out Hochtief for 113 runs. Moin (66) and Afaq (57) were the highest scorers for

Shalimar, combining in a 126-run partner ship which proved unbeatable. Afaq the showed his bowling prowess, taking fire wic kets for 33 runs and helping Shalimar to vic

Two teams, Indian Embassy and Honda recorded walk-overs, against NAI and Saple Green. This takes Honda off the bottom of the league and moves Indian Embassy into seventh place on 24 points.

Morton advances

LONDON, March 17 (R) - Morton routed Clydebank 6-0 in the Scottish Football Association Cup quarterfinal replay on

Morton takes on Rangers in the semifinals

at Parkhead, Glasgow April 11.

England's squad

LONDON, March 17 (R) - Aston Villa and West Bromwich, respectively second and fourth in the English League standings, each contribute three players to the squad of 17 named Tuesday from which England's team to play Spain in a 'B' soccer international in Granada on March 25 will be chosen.

People expect too much BONN, West Germany, March 17 (AP) — Franz Beckenbauer, back home with another winning team after helping the New York Cosmos to three North American Soccer League titles, is finding things changed since he left the German football wars four years

> At 35, the man they call "Der Kaiser" is still mobbed by adoring fans whenever he appears in public. Endorsement contracts, most recently a reported 350,000-mark (\$175,000) deal with Italian automaker Lancia, keep the cash rolling in.

> As before, his club appears headed for the Federal League title. But this time it is HSV Hamburg on top of the standings, two points ahead of his old team, defending champion Bayern Munich.

Beckenbauer says the play here now seems "faster, more athletic, harder" than before. After a record 103 games on the national team, including the world championship side in 1976, his chances for selection this year

were questionable. National trainer Jupp Derwall said last week he planned "no surprises" in other words, no Beckenbauer and would stick basically to his old lineup for the World Championship qualifier against Albania in Tirana

Four years ago, few fans would argue with press headlines that called Beckenbauer, a two-time European player of the year, "the king of German football now they are skep-

"I didn't see Beckenbauer at all," was the verdict of Braunschweig trainer Uli-Maslo after his club beat Hamburg in a recent nonleague match. "No, you can't compare this Beckenbauer with the man who played more than 100 times for Germany."

After spending much of his New York stint in the offensive midfield in an effort to please the goal-minded American fans, Beckenbauer is back in his old position, guiding the defense and using his famous finesse and passing ability to steer Hamburg's transition game and its counterattacks.

He has not scored a goal since he returned. "I don't know if people expected too much of me, but at any rate, it was a lot," Beckenbauer said in an interview with Fussball

Magazine. "I noticed it in the first weeks, and I notice it today when it get picked apart down to my underpants if I'm fit for the Federal League,

I'm fit for the national team." "If I make a bad pass or lose a one-on-one, it means 'he's not the Franz he was before,' I

find that a little unfair, since I made mistakes before, too." Beckenbauer is reported to be somewhat

dissatisfied with Hamburg's set attack pattern: "We always play the same boot," he told a Cologne newspaper, "The opponent has already seen through it."

Manager Guenter Netzer says the team's style will remain the way it is, and "it will take another quarter-year before Franz is fully

There have been disappointments off the field as well. Branko Zebec, the former Hamburg trainer who helped persuade Beckenbauer to come play under him, was fired because of drinking problems shortly after

Beckenbauer's arrival.

Had he known he would not be playing for the popular Yugoslav, "I don't know if I

really would have come," Beckenbauer said Despite the scoffing of experts who write off the NASL as "the operatta league." Beckenbauer gives high marks to American competition, especially his former team Training and playing conditions being equal the Cosmos would fit into the "top third" o the 18-team bundesliga, he speculated.



BACK HOME: German soccer star, Franz Beckenbauer after a stint with the New York Cosmos is back home assisting Hamburg in the Federal League

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atsmen put India ack into the game

UCKLAND, March 17 (AFP) - Some itting by Gundappa Viswanath, Sandeep and Dilip Vengsarkar brought excitet to the last session on the fourth day of hird and final cricket Test between India New Zealand here Tuesday afternoon. stumps India was four wickets down for having added 102 runs in the two hours tea for the loss of one more wicket. India low wiped off New Zealand's first inning

of 128 and is ahead by 69 runs with six ets in hand, til, who came in after Viswanath was issed on the first ball after drinks, hit a long-on off Lance Cairns as well as four daries and had scored 36 runs in 56 rites off 64 balls when stumps were

s partner, Vengsarkar, who was on one Viswanath was dismissed added ner 19 runs including two boundaries to the day not out on 20. They took only inutes and 78 balls to reach their 50-run

e only Indian wicket to fall in the final on was that of Viswanath the vicein, in the 78th over the innings ngsarkar hit a ball from off-spinner

Bracewell to covers, and the batsmen ff for a quick single. But Bruce Edgar e a lot of ground, rapidly picked up the nd threw it even more quickly direct to

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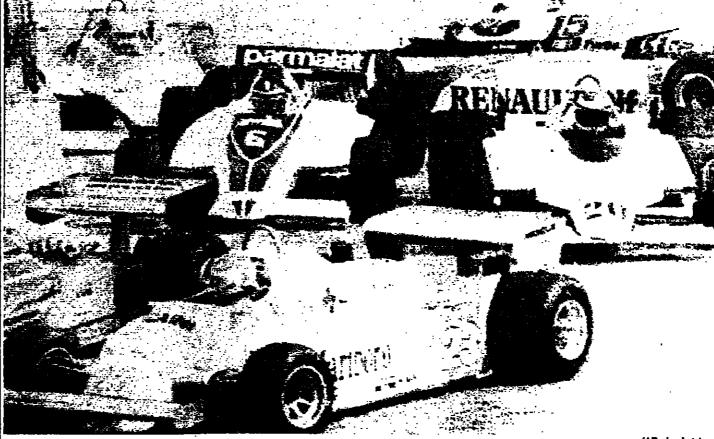
He was dismissed for 46 runs including six boundaries, three of which he hit off successive balls in John Bracewell's 19th over. This exceeded by 37 his previous highest Test score of the New Zealand tour the nine he hit in the second innings of the first cricket Test in Wellington. His average for the three Tests is only 12.8 runs.

New Zealand wicketkeeper Smith performed badly this afternoon, frequently failing to get behind the ball and he was largely responsible for the 13 byes and three leg-byes conceded during the session. New Zealand could have dismissed Vengsarkar in the eighth over after tea when he got the edge to a ball from Richard Hadlee, had Smith not

dropped it. Extras: 36 Total (for four wickets) 197 Pall of wickets: 1-43, 2-50, 3-93, 4-143, Bowling: Hadlee 17-3-48-0; Snedden 7-3-13-0; Cairus 28-13-35-1: Bracewell 32-15-51-2; Coney 4-1-3-0; Howarth 6-3-11-0.

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Malta fined by FIFA Cruyff may miss World Cup match

VALENCIA, Spain, March 17 (R) — Dutch soccer star Johan Cruyff injured a toe while playing for Second Division Levante Sunday and could miss the Netherlands' World Cup Qualifying match against France in Rotterdam on March 25.

Doctors cannot yet say when he will be able to play again, dub officials said Monday. X-rays showed that the damaged middle toe was not broken, but the foot was swollen and doctors will examine it again before judging

whether Cruyff could be fit in time. Cruyff was injured in the first half and did not reappear after the interval. Levante won 1-0 in Valenica.

Meanwhile, The International Football Federation (FIFA) has fined Malta 10,000 Swiss francs (\$5,200) because spectators halted the World Cup match against Poland, it was announced Monday.

FIFA's disciplinary committee also said the Gzira Stadium is unsuitable for international matches but Malta will be allowed to use it at least for the next World Cup qualifying match, which is against East Germany on

The referee abandoned the Malta-Poland match on Dec. 7 some 13 minutes from the end when fans invaded the pitch. Poland were leading 2-0 and were later declared the winners by that margin.

The disciplinary committee decided against barring the grassless stadium for the moment but called on the World Cup organizing committee to take "adequate decisions" to prevent a repetition of crowd

Givens included

Dom Givens, transferred last week from Birmingham to Third Division Shedfield United, was given a vote of confidence from republic of Ireland manager Eoin Hand.

Givens, substitute in the second-half of Ireland's 3-1 defeat by Wales last month, was in Hand's 22-man squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Belgium next week.

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And Hand said, "I still feel Don has a lot to River Plate from the Spanish club Valencia for \$3.4 million, was the best player of his offer. The fact that he has changed clubs has renewed his enthusiasm for the game." Hand team in this Sunday's game. will have been influenced by Givens superb Boca Juniors playing without Diego

on Saturday. After injuries wrecked his plans against Wales, Hand was able to name his first choice squad for the trip to Brussels.

goal for United against Charlton on his debut

Liam Brady is back, David O'Leary returns from injury and the other Arsenal pair John Devine and Frank staplettn return to the fold after missing the Wales clash through club committments.

Later this week, Hand will cut his squad down to 18. The players expected to be put on "stand-by" will be Bonnar (Celtic), Ryan (Brighton), Anderson (Preston) and Wad-

Three stood down

Meanwhile, three leading players will miss the European Soccer Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg match between the Dutch club Feyenoord and the Bulgarians of Slavia Sofia in Rotterdam on Wednesday.

All three - Andrei Djeliakov and Vanjo Kostov of Slavia and Feyenoord's Loek Balkestein - are banned for accumulating two cautions in earlier matches.

Seven other players are similarly banned

from Wednesday's matches in the three European club competitions. They are Heinz Hermann (Grasshoppers, Zurich), Eric Gerets (Standard Liege), Rudi Kerimov (Cska Sofia), Andreas Krause and Lutz Lindemann, Stefan Engels and Bernd Cullmann

One match — the European Cup fixture between Real Madrid and Spartak Moscow

— has been deferred until Thursday.

Brace by Kempes

In Argentina, Mario Kempes, internationally known soccer player, scored two goals in the first game with his new team River Plate giving it a 4-0 victory over Colon.

However, Boca Juniors and Ferrocarril Oeste are still the leaders in the general standings.

Kempes who was transferred recently

Eric Willborts shocks Dupre

ROTTERDAM, March 17 (AFP) - Eric Wilborts, 16, of the Netherlands created a major upset at the International Tennis Tournament here last night beating Wimbledon 1979 semi-finalist Pat Dupre of the USA in a three set first round match 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Yannick Noah of France fought his way back from an indifferent start for a three sets win 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 over Peter Rennert of the

Other results: Wojtak Fibak (Pol) beat Carlos Kirmayer (Bra) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0; Tim Gullikson (USA) heat Kim Warwick (AUS) 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

In Massachusetts, American Kute Latham upset veteran Billie Jean King 6-3, 6-0 in 39 minutes Modnay night in the opening round of the \$150,000 Avon Women's Championship tennis tournament.

It was the greatest victory of my career, said Latham, 28, who allowed King, 37, to hold service in the third and fifth games. "One win like this and you forget all about the bad matches and the tournaments you've lived through. It's easiest the high point of my

six years on the pro circuit." I shouldn't play three tournaments in a row after my last knee operation last November," said King.
In the other match of the night, Jane Rus-

sell defeated Pam Teeguardan, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5, in a two-hour, 42-minute match interrupted by player protests and the removal of umpire

Bulgaria routed

PEKING, March 17 (AFP) - Hungary trounced Bulgaria, 6-1 at the 18,000-seat Capital Gymnasium Monday the World Ice Hockey Championships Pool "C" competition. The period scores were 0-0, 3-0, 3-1.

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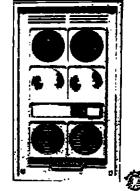
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rect play. At trick four you play the

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dummy with the queen, return to your hand with a trump and cash the jack of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. Then you exit with the king of diamonds.

The hand demonstrates, for

the umpteenth time, the principle that a declarer should always look for an alternative method of play before attempting a crucial finesse.

For the Umpteenth Time

Actually, though, instead of relying on a finesse that is likely to fail, it is better to adopt a different approach to the play. It is based on the high probability that West holds the ace of diamonds. If he has it, you're certain to make the contract with cor-

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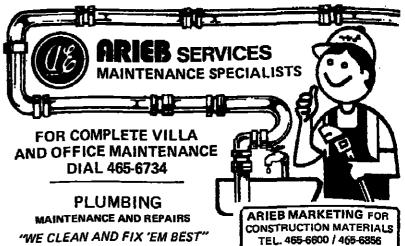
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Curfew clamped on town

Indian police fire on youths





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U.S. panel chairman meets Duarte

to Salvador approved

President Ronald Reagan's proposed new military aid for El Salvador has won what may be its only test in the Senate with a 6-2 approval by a subcommittee. The Senate Foreign Relations Appropriat-

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) - U.S.

ing Subcommittee took that vote on allowing \$5 million worth of military aid to go forward. A similar house subcommittee plans to take its vote next Tuesday.

The president used his emergency authority to send 20 additional military advisers and \$20 million in military and to El Salvador. But the \$5 million was subject to veto by the two subcommittees because it is being redirected from other programs for which it was appropriated by Congress.

Approval of the \$5 million was opposed on the Senate subcommittee by Mark Hatnield, Republican chairman of the parent Senate Appropriations Committee.

Subcommittee chairman Bob Kasten notified Secretary of State Alexander Haig. that "the administration may go forward" with the aid. "All of us are worried about the fact that we have. Americans now in El Salvador," Kasten said, "And all of us are wor-

NEW DELHI. March 17 (AP) -

Authorities proclaimed an idefinite round-

the-clock curiew in Nadiad town in India's

violence-tom Gujarat state Monday after

large-scale rioting and arson by student

agitators, the United News of India (UNI)

Reported and paramilitary units fired

repeatedly on rampaging youths mobs in Ahmedabad and Nadiad, wounding several

people, the agency said. Three demonstrators

reported.

ried about the possibility of the United States getting embroiled in a difficult situation."

But Kasten said he is convinced that fears of U.S. escalation of Vietnam-like combat are unfounded, noting that El Salvador has said it does not need U.S. combat help. The \$5 million is earmarked for patrol boats, helicopters, radar, vehicles and other equipment to help El Salvador forces counter infiltration of guerrillas into the country.

In another development, the Senate Democrats released Monday a letter to President Ronald Reagan questioning his administration's word that it is pressing El Salvador to investigate the murders of four American church workers.

"We fear that the United States may be in the position of supporting a government which by its stonewalling on the issue of the investigation, supports terrorism committed by the own security forces," the Senators

The letter was sent to the president last Friday by three senior Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, Edward Zorinsky of Nebraska and Joseph Biden of

ing continued unabated for the fourth con-

secutive day despite the imposition of a 24-

hour curfew and patrolling by Indian army

Police fired over 200 teargas cannisters to

disperse rioters in the city. Nearly 100 doc-

tors were detained for defying a ban on

assembly, the agency added. At least 36 per-

sons have died since students in the western

state began protesting 50 days ago against the

practice of reserving some seats in medical

In an unrelated development, activity

ground to a halt Monday in the western half

of India's most populous state of Uttar Prad-

esh during a day-long general strike.

troops, UNI reported.

colleges for the lower castes.

Salvador, met Monday with the president of the ruling junta. Long arrived in San Salvador on a two-day fact-finding visit and had been himself briefed by U.S. Embassy officials before meeting with Junta President Jose

Napoleon Duarte. Fighting between government forces and leftist guerrillas was, meanwhile, reported in the department of Morazan, 160 kms east of here, in the town of Suchitoto, 48 kms to the north and in villages in the northern department of Chalatenango.

Meanwhile, in San Salvador Clarence

Long, chairman of a subcommittee of the

U.S. House of Representatives considering

Reagan's request for more military aid to El

Army sources reported heavy fighting in which two soldiers were killed in the town of Villa Victoria, about 88 kms northeast of the capital. The sources said the guerrillas occupied the town.

Eight deaths were reported in the capital overnight, one of them a soldier, and authorities reported finding 20 bodies of apparent terror victims around the country. They included three headless corpses

German search finds bomb threat baseless

FRANKFURT, March 17 (R) - Security men searched a Chicago-bound Lufthansa DC-10 aircraft Tuesday after a bomb threat forced it to turn back over the north Atlantic and return to Frankfurt but no bomb was found, an airline spokesman said. The plane, carrying 210 passengers and 13 crew, turned back last night after security officials found an anonymous note in a bag in the Frankfurt airport terminal.

The Lufthansa spokesman said police were examining the three-page threat, attached to an automatic siren apparatus which originally drew the attention of airport security men.



QUEUING FOR WATER: Men, women and children wait in line at Suchitoto in El Salvador Thursday to fill water containers. The town had been without water for about a month and water is brought in daily by the army in trucks.

Strike suspended

U.S. seeks information on exercises in Poland

WASHINGTON, March 17 (Agencies) -The Reagan administration has called on the Soviet Union to supply advance information to the West on its upcoming military exercises near Poland.

If the size of the force is 25,000 or above, the Soviets are obliged by international agreement to give advance notice of the exercise. However, even if the size of the force is smaller, State Department spokesman William Dyess said, "It would obviously ease tensions if the Soviets supplied information on the exercises in this area which is the focus of world attention."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, expressed concern to reporters last week over what he said was the "huge" size of the Warsaw Pact exercises, but said he did not know whether they would actually cross the border into Poland.

Meanwhile, free trade union leaders in the industrial city of Radom have lifted a strike threat and agreed to talks with the government in Warsaw Tuesday after winning their demands for the resignations of two top local officials. The Solidarity independent union movement suspended a two-hour regional stoppage set for Wednesday after the authorities accepted the resignations of Gov-

ernor Roman Mackowski and party boss Janussz Prokopiak, blamed by workers for suppression of a labor revolt in 1976.

The suspension of the stoppage also followed an appeal for restraint by Solidarity's national leader Lech Walesa who said excessive strikes were barming the union and expressed confidence in what he called the reasonable government of Prime minister Wojciech Jaruzelski.

The Solidarity branch in Radom, a city of 190,000 people south of Warsaw, is also calling for the resignation of police chief Marian Mozgawa. There was no official confirmation of his removal but national television Monday night referred to him as ex-police chief of Radom province.

The Radom union's demands stem mostly from a 1976 strike in protest against higher food prices. Disgruntled workers set fire to the local Communist Party headquarters after the authorities refused to talk with them. Hundreds of workers were arrested and some 50 were jailed and then amnestied the following year. Solidarity has demanded an investigation into their trial and disciplinary action against prosecutors, judges and

court officials involved.

Delay in ending hijack

WASHINGTON, March 17 (R) - The United States has held the Soviet Union partly responsible for the delay in ending the 13-day hijacking of a Pakistani airliner which lasted from March 2 until last Saturday night. State Department spokesman William Dyess told reporters: "I don't see how the Soviets can entirely escape responsibility for what took place."

He said Monday that while the plane sat at Kabul airport for six days, Moscow made no serious effort to resolve the incident despite its influence in Afghanistan, where the Soviet Union has been intervening militarily since

December, 1979. Moscow did not condemn the hijacking until 10 days after it had begun, Dyess said. He added that the hijackers might have acquired arms in Kabul, although this was based on circumstantial evidence. "They arrived with pistols, they left with machine

A statement from the Soviet Embassy in Washington called the accusations "completely groundless" and "crude and undignified". Dyess said Afghan authorities initially prevented Pakistani negotiators from contacting the hijackers, insisting instead that any talks be conducted through them. Afghan leader Babrak Karmal "publicly and privately put the blame on the government of Pakistan and demanded that the Pakistanis give in to the hijackers," Dyess said.

"The hijackers appeared to be under little pressure in Kabul. They received visitors at planeside," he added. "Eyewitness American accounts indicate that at least at one point, all three hijackers stood in view of Afghan and Soviet personnel without anyloparent concern for their own safety," he said.

100 Iranians die in Iraqi offensive

BEIRUT, March 17 (R) - About 100 Iranians and five Iraqis were killed in fighting in 24 hours, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) has reported.

It quoted Monday a high command communique as saying the Iranians lost two tanks and six vehicles.

The communique said Iraqi operations included a commando raid on Iranian positions in the Susangerd area, in Khuzestan province, killing 11 Iranians. Iraqi forces also fired on troop concentrations in the Abadan area, killing 34 Iranians

Dyess said this gave the impression that the three did not fear arrest. "Terrorists do not ordinarily show themselves if they feel those

on the ground would be hostile," he said. He said the accounts were from Americans on the ground in Kabul, not on the plane. He declined to identify them further. The United States maintains a diplomatic mission in He said the United States had been in

touch with Moscow and had urged it to use its influence to end the incident. "To the best of our knowledge the Soviet government made no serious effort to resolve the incident despite its predominant influence in Afghanistan and in the city of Kabul," he said. Pakistani President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has accused the Afghan authorities of helping the hijackers and giving them

The spokesman contrasted the attitude of the Soviet and Afghan officials with that of Syria, which he said had dealt with the situation in a highly responsible manner. At the same time, he said the United States expected Syria to carry out its responsibilities under international law and prosecute the hijackers for hijacking and murder.

Meanwhile, law officials in New York said Monday that the United States will ask Syria to arrest freed American hostage Craig Clymore if he does not go home voluntarily. Clymore, 24 who describes himself as a songwriter, was charged in his absence last week with being the leader of a multi-million dollar heroin and hashish oil smuggling ring.

in Turkey ANKARA, March 17 (AP) - The Irania air force lieutenant colonel and his wife, who commandeered an Iranian cargo plane to east ern Turkey, are seeking temporary politica asylum, official Turkish sources said Tues day. The temporary request led to speculation that the colonel and his wife plan to seel

Iranian pilot

seeks asylum

permanent refugee in a Western country perhaps the United States. Meanwhile Tuesday, the commandeerer plane, variously identified as a C-47 or a C-130 cargo craft, returned to Iran less than 24 hours after it landed in Turkey. The plane's crew of 10 were on board, the semiofficial Anatolia news agency reported. The agency said Turkey's ruling National Security Council was still studying the colonel's

asylum request, The identity of the colonel and his wife still had not been disclosed Tuesday morning nearly 24 hours after the plane landed in Van

a Largely Kurdish-populated city about 90 kms west of the Iranian border. Top military sources said the plane was a

World War II vintage C-47 cargo craft usec lby the Iranian air force for internal flights. One Istanbul newspaper said the crew and the colonel and his wife spent the night ir

state water authority lodgings on the shore of Lake Van. Initial reports indicated the col-onel and his wife were accompanied by a child, but that now seems to have been erroneous, a top miltiary sources said. One newspaper quoted the colonel as saying he and his wife "were fed up with the regime of Iran," and faced "certain execu-

Iranians air force pilots landed a commandeered helicopter in eastern Turkey and sought and were granted political asylum.

tion" if they were returned. Last year two

But with the military now in charge here it. was unclear what will happen to the colonel and his wife. The Turkish generals have been very careful to do nothing to anger Iran, a top source of oil for Turkey.

Dollar rates decline

LONDON, March 17 (AP) -The sustained fall in U.S. interest rates and lower Eurodollar rates forced the dollar down on foreign exchange markets Tuesday in thin trading. Gold prices were mixed. On Monday Chase Manhattan and First National Bank of Chicago lowered their prime lending rates to 17.5 per cent, matching the rates set last week by Chemical Bank.

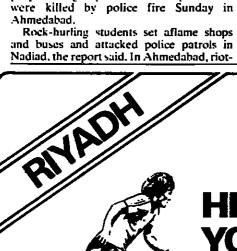
The British pound gained more than one cent at \$2.2505, (\$2.2388). In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 207.25 year, down from 208.40 Monday. In later Euro-

pean trading, the dollar was quoted at 207.03 Gold prices hovered around the \$500 mark in quiet trading / London's five bullion

houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$498.25 a troy ounce, up from \$497 late Monday.

In Zurich, gold traded for \$499.50, down from \$500.50.





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